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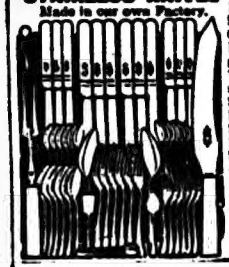

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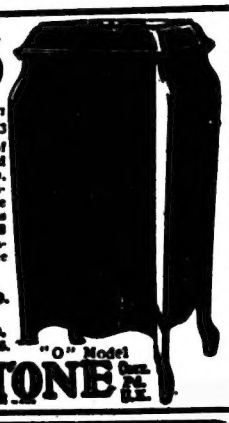

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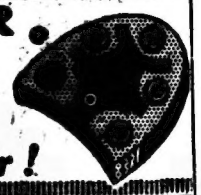

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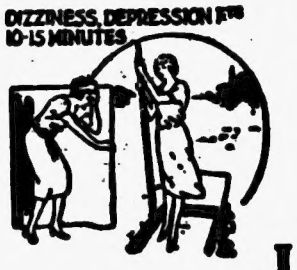


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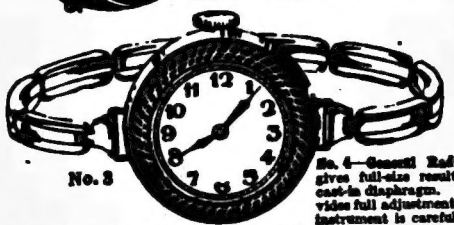

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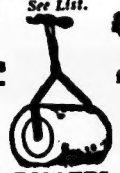

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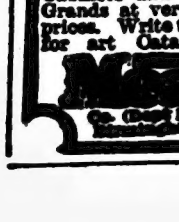

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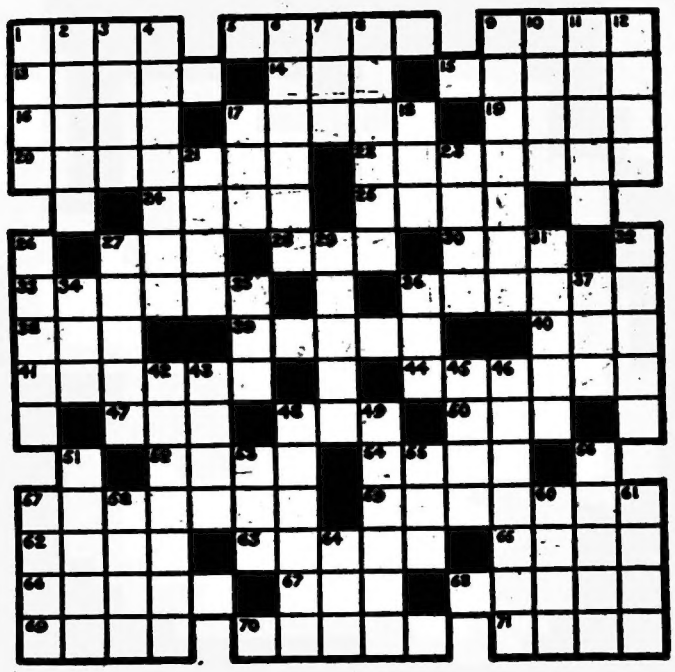

*ACROSS CLUES.*

1. To pursue.
5. Extreme contempt.
9. Windward side of a ship.
13. To accustom.
14. Sheltered side.
15. The blackbird.
16. Edge.
17. Town in Switzerland
19. Shivering fever.
20. Steam-driven vessel.
22. Judicially decided.
24. A magistrate.
25. Dash.
27. Everything.
28. Worthless dog.
30. By means of.
33. Erase.
36. Pertaining to an average.
38. Wrath.
39. A scoop.
40. By way of.
41. Edible grain.
44. An inn.
47. Make effort.
48. Skill.
50. Corn-store.
52. Compass point.
54. Stop!
57. A tutor.
59. Oppressive
62. Transported.
63. Marshy.
65. An irritation.
66. A possession.
67. A vessel.
68. A slogan.
69. Reward.
70. To crush.
71. Mislaid.

*DOWN CLUES*

1. A sibilant sound.
2. Join.
3. Naked.
4. Syrup.
6. Belonging to the clergy.
7. Over.
8. To deliver.
9. Intelligent.
10. To press earnestly.
11. Chimneys.
12. To nourish.
17. Channel of a river.
18. Fish.
21. Used in brewing ale.
23. A headland.
26. A proclamation.
27. Watchful.
29. Beneath.
31. Torn asunder.
32. Sloping.
34. Before.
35. Measure.
36. Came together.
37. Atmosphere.
42. Built.
43. Indian servant.
45. Skilful.
46. Sulphuric acid.
48. Hall of Roman house.
49. Prickles.
51. Give over.
53. Stitch.
55. One indefinite.
56. Channels.
57. Vehicle.
58. Part of a choir.
60. Essence of flowers.
61. A marksman.
64. An age.


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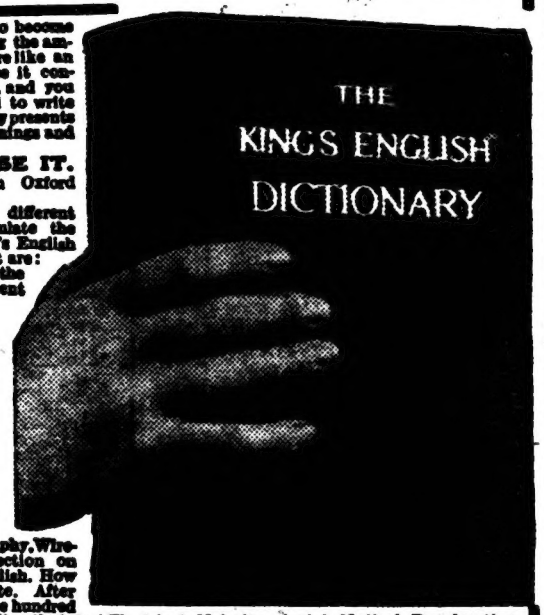


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## *The* WORLD, *the* FLESH *& the* DEVIL

**Austen's Blunder.**

The Foreign Secretary's obstinate mishandling of the Geneva crisis, resulting in a situation of the gravest danger has completely lost him his Locarno prestige not only in the House but in the Cabinet. It may yet cost him his office.

**"Found Out"!**

There is one gleam through the Geneva clouds. The League of Nations has been "found out." The peoples of the world now know that it cannot be trusted. They will find another way towards universal peace.

**Advice Cheap.**

The Coal Commission's report at a shilling is a bargain in books worth reading. The whole Commission has hardly cost more than a big surgical operation. May the shilling prescription work the cure!

**Silence is Best.**

We shall not express any criticism on the report until both owners and men have had time to consider their positions. In our view a single word likely to prejudice an agreed settlement would be an unpatriotic act.

**Dull and Dusty.**

Muddle in France, difficulties at Geneva, and uncertainty in this country, all point to one thing. The political atmosphere all round is stale.

**A Farcical Cut.**

The much-vaunted Economy Bill is here at last—but where is the economy? An estimated saving of 1 per cent. on the national expenditure is laughable.

**See-saw Finance.**

While the Army estimates are down £2,000,000, Civil Service estimates are up £2,586,000! So we "economise" by spending half a million more!

**The Old Game.**

Scaremongers are busily at work. Although we are spending £120,000,000 a year on the three fighting Services we are told that "the risk of invasion by air to-day is overwhelming." There's method in the madness. It's to make us ready for all sorts of additional expenditure.

**Sparks among Straw.**

The Government must knock out of its electricity scheme the notion of getting backward regions up to standard at the expense of efficient districts. If it doesn't there will be local insurrections—notably among Lancashire M.P.s.

**Topsy-turvy.**

Shrewd organisation under wide schemes should be enough to make electricity cheap where it is now dear. To begin by making it dear where it is now cheap would be midsummer madness.

**The Fast Pack.**

Socialist efforts to force the Party pace have brought MacDonald and Henderson down on them with a heavy hand. When the I.L.P. racehorse tries to run away with the Labour pantechnicon, it is not likely to upset the van. But look out for the snapping of the harness!

**Wait and See.**

Although Sir Alfred Mond has refused to vacate his Carmarthen seat he will do so before long—when Mr. Baldwin can make good his offer of a place in the Cabinet.

**Air Ministry Costs.**

Why is it that secretarial work at the Air Ministry costs three and a half times as much as at the War Office, and the Admiralty and hospital accommodation twice as much? It is anomalies such as these that a central Defence Ministry would be able to rectify.

**Bang Goes a Million.**

One thing "Winstunt" Churchill omits to mention in his jauntily optimistic financial forecasts is that the £20,000,000 taken off the Sinking Fund this year, through the coal subsidy, means that in future years we will have to find a million a year more in interest.

**The Easter Egg.**

Mr. Churchill's smile is held to be indicative of a pleasant surprise in the pocket. Will it hatch into restoration of the penny letter and halfpenny postcard? It's a fillip industry is sadly needing.

**A "Pack" of Nonsense.**

The Paris *Temps* gives its readers to understand that Locarno is on the side of those wishing to pack the Council of the League of Nations with France's nominees. It's time a mission was started to teach all nations what the League was really started for.

**Strange!**

Meanwhile, the word "Peace" has dropped from all reports dealing with Geneva. Instead we read of "difficult and delicate situations." What a tragic drop from the first fine enthusiasms!

**Urgent.**

Mr. Baldwin again assures us that the complicated question of leasehold enfranchisement is not escaping the Government's notice. As hundreds are being robbed daily—many ruined—the matter brooks no delay. It demands *immediate* attention.

**The Acid Test.**

The Government, we are told, is prepared to accept the recommendations of the Food Council. Seeing that these err, if at all, on the side of moderation, we look for no mischievous trimming. The country is in earnest and in no humour for half-measures.

**C.O.D.**

The Cabinet decision on the cash-on-delivery postal system is overdue. The postal authorities "see no practical objections to the scheme." Then why doesn't the Government introduce it?

**Good All Round.**

C.O.D. spells salvation for small-holders. It would bring the most effective check to profiteering. Incidentally, it would bring hope to hundreds of willing workers now unemployed.

**Blunt Truth.**

"You have been quarrelling with your bread and butter" is the vigorous reminder of Sir Felix J. C. Pole, general manager of the G.W.R., in respect of recent strikes. In other words, keeping things going is better than smashing things up. And that's plain sense.

**The New Age.**

The fact is that the strike policy is being steadily undermined by progress. Co-operation, not conflict, is quite clearly the keynote of modern industry.

**Anomalies.**

The Prime Minister has deputed a Member of the Cabinet to enquire into the dissatisfaction occasioned by the lingering of D.O.R.A. He must not confine his attention to rich men's clubs. There are silly restrictions in other directions that want shifting.

**Next, Please!**

Mr. Leybourne Davidson has given £30,000 to encourage schemes of overseas settlement. It's a princely act. Now we want someone to encourage schemes of land settlement in this country. What offers?

**Girls in Danger.**

The white slave traffic is reviving in this country. Offers of glittering situations abroad, or marriage with fascinating foreigners, are the lures employed to get victims abroad without fuss. Girls who are wise will refuse both.

**Snobocracy.**

The railway companies must heed the warning of doctors that continuous overcrowding of workers' trains spells disaster to national health. To run empty first-class carriages on trains where passengers are jammed like sardines is a sin. It should be made illegal.

## READER'S TRAGIC DEATH. "JOHN BULL" PAYS £250 to WIDOW.

*(See page 2)*

## THE WORLD, the FLESH & the DEVIL

**Flour Drops, Bread Doesn't.**

The Coalville Co-operative Society has brought down bread to 9d. per quartern loaf and flour by 2d. per stone. Since the society has 11,000 members this is good news for Leicestershire miners. In other towns the wholesale price of flour drops, but bread remains stationary. Why?

**Two Bob a Week.**

To "caretake" a mortuary doesn't sound particularly attractive, hence it might reasonably be expected that a fair salary would be offered to the man undertaking the duties. The Hythe (Kent) Council offered £4—a year! Now the bait has been increased to £5. Apply early, and avoid the rush.

**Versatile Vicar.**

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**The Judge who Knew.**

Five years to settle an income-tax dispute!—is it to be wondered at that Mr. Justice Rowlatt waxed indignant? The delay was due to the dilatory methods of officials, and the paralysing effect of red-tape. When assured that his protests would be noted, "Oh, no, they won't," snapped the judge. A bull, first time!

**East, West, Home's Best.**

The Peterborough Corporation have the wisdom to look beyond the ends of their noses. A local tender for power-station extensions was £6,000 above that of two Continental firms, yet the work remains at home. Many will be kept off the rates, and the job will be efficiently done. It will save money in the end.

**Not Cricket.**

James Seymour, the Kent cricketer, netted over £900 from a benefit match played as long ago as 1920. The authorities lately sought to mulct him for income-tax on this sum, but judgment was given against them. Were we looking for the world's worst sportsmen we should search the Government officials of our own land.

**Feckless Parents.**

When a youth of nineteen at Leicester police court was sentenced to a month's imprisonment for theft his father said the lad was all right until he fell out of work and received the "dole." "That ruined him, and he is too lazy now even to wash himself." This savours of nonsense. If a child is trained in habits of cleanliness and honesty they become second nature. Too many parents forget this.

**The Defaulters.**

Latest statistics show nearly 12,000 London husbands "wanted" for leaving their wives and families. That's the answer as to why the law in respect of separation and maintenance is held to "favour" the wife. To her credit the mother, however hardly beset, usually stays by her family. But such figures prove how much needed is a higher standard of marital responsibility.

**A Grave Menace.**

The importation into India of foolish and filthy films is a grave menace to the ruling race, since the native princes and their retinues gain therefrom a false impression of the whites and their customs. This smuggling of licentious matter should be tackled in earnest; otherwise it might well lead to catastrophic consequences.

**Muzzling the Press.**

To Sir Harry Brittain's question whether something could not be done to stop the publication of accounts of executions the Home Secretary replied that he would do anything to remedy what he regarded as a scandal. Is, then, the reporting of a monstrous folly a greater evil than the performing of it? Till capital punishment be abolished, the public has a right to know how its paid servants carry out their duties.

**Honouring the Dead.**

The memorial to a party of workgirls killed in a munitions explosion at Dudley four years ago takes the form of a thoroughly equipped operating-table for the Dudley hospital. How many of our war mementoes would have been improved by such a touch of imagination! Only in saving the living can we truly honour the dead.

**Cell for Cellar Thief.**

The Cheltenham magistrates are to be congratulated on sending Cecil Spencer, a local coal merchant, to prison without the option for short-weight frauds. It was a deliberate swindling, for which three months in jail is not an hour too much. If the cheat finds customers scarce on his return to business he will know that the people of Cheltenham would not have a serpent bite them twice.

**Throwing the Gauntlet.**

Every day on Tyneside a tragic sight is staged. Thousands of unemployed march regularly to the gates of shipbuilding and engineering works to ask for work. It is the challenge of men deprived of the "dole" on the ground that they "did not try" to find work. What a pity the whole House of Commons cannot march alongside once or twice. Then work would be found.

**The Struggle of Genius.**

Charles Sheppard is an artist, whose portrait of Jack Barry, the actor, is actually hanging in a London exhibition of Dominion artists. But he himself cannot gain a living, nor even enough money to buy a tube of paint. Indomitable, though despairing, he sits day by day, chalking real pictures on London pavements, waiting for his chance. What a pity that no rich man with a soul is found to give the poor chap his first lift up the ladder of fame.

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# Words of Power

***by E. R. THOMPSON, M.A.***

A CONVERSATION in a restaurant caught my attention the other day. A famous journalist was lunching with a famous actor, and the talk was of work that had to be done.

Said the journalist: "I frequently find myself faced by a positive mountain of work that has to be got through and finished in a given time. Almost invariably I feel that it can't be done.

"Then I take myself in hand. I say, 'I can and I will'—and I do!"

"Yes," said the actor, "little words, aren't they? Little—and easy to say: but what a wealth of tradition they have behind them! Most of the big achievements of the world have been accomplished with their help."

"I can and I will." Say these words often: see how they tingle as they trip off the tongue—for they are words of power!

Say them aloud—and you cannot fail to feel the power surging up inside you. Feel how your muscles tense with the mere saying of them, feel how your mind leaps ahead beneath their urge!

SO responsive is the body to the suggestion of the mind, so delicately responsive is the mind to suggestion from outside, that boundless stores of mental and physical energy can be unlocked even by such simple means as these.

"I can and I will"—little words that contain the world!

There is no obstacle in life that can long withstand their assault.

**The Miracle.**

At Westminster Hospital lie two children, a boy and a girl, who were admitted minus certain bones in arms and legs. These, by gradual transference of bits from other parts of the body, are being gradually replaced. Both children will soon walk out normal, to take their place in a normal world. Why doubt miracles? They are still being performed, even though to-day we give them another name.

**The Child Offender.**

Mr. S. M. Palmer, a Home Office school headmaster, champions the reformatory school as a means of reclaiming the delinquent child. That the discipline of these institutions is less harsh and more enlightened than at one time is no doubt true, but no child should ever be sent to a penal school until the probation system has been tried, and failed. Its failures are singularly few.

**Ex-Soldier Artists.**

What organisation can do for maimed ex-Service men may be seen at Sheffield, where a colony of crippled ex-soldiers and their families are supporting themselves by stencilling designs on dress and furniture fabrics. The whole thing is a business proposition independent of charity. National organisation on similar lines might have saved us from the reproach of ingratitude to the men who won the war.

**The Ray of Comfort.**

Groping his way downstairs in the dark, Mr. E. J. Eveson, of 28, Walpole Place, Woolwich, slipped and fell headlong, sustaining fatal injuries. The only ray of comfort for his widow is the fact that Mr. Eveson was a registered reader of JOHN BULL, and she, therefore, receives a cheque for £250. Accidents and other calamities come when least expected. Read the full list of benefits offered by JOHN BULL, printed on another page, and then sign the forms.

**A Mean Ministry.**

A proposal is on foot to cut down the State pensions payable at sixty-five to persons in receipt of allowances from private superannuation funds. As these private funds have usually been largely contributed to by the pensioners themselves the threatened reduction is a penalty upon thrift, and as such opposed to the whole spirit and intention of the new Pensions Act. The Ministry of Health must learn not to be mean.

**His Gratitude.**

In London an eminent surgeon had a bag of valuable surgical instruments stolen from his car. Next day, after taking steps to safeguard his identity, the thief wrote a letter of penitence and returned the loot. He had discovered that the surgeon was attached to the West London Hospital where once his own life had been saved. Thus a good deed, sown in kindness, may bring to light a conscience that has been long smothered by a career of unlawfulness.

**Better, but Not Best.**

To Birmingham belongs the credit of the experiment of curing rickets with sun-impregnated food. The food is exposed to the ultra-violet rays of arc lamps and then supplied to the afflicted children in their own homes with wonderful results. But how much better if the country's children lived in decent sun-bathed homes! In Canada, where real country homes exist, a medical lecturer to mothers had to pause in order to explain what he meant by rickets.

**Tight-lipped Heroism.**

Captain Rose, of the sinking schooner *General Smuts*, made no signals of distress one wild day when a steamer was near, because he knew that any boat that put off to his aid would have been wrecked. He and his men preferred to take their chance, and Providence did not fail them. When they expected death, the liner *Volendam* saw the sparks of a torch on the schooner's masthead and the gallant men were rescued in the nick of time. Captain Rose is a tight-lipped hero of the true British breed.

**She Did Her Duty.**

By the will of Mr. J. F. P. Rawlinson, K.C., M.P., a fine record of domestic fidelity comes to light. Thirty years ago Miss Catherine Johnson, a trained nurse, cared for his mother through a serious illness, and stayed with her until death. Then she went to take charge of Mr. Rawlinson's household in Crown Office Row, Temple. Now by his death she benefits by more than £29,000. Faithfulness in service does not always go without its reward.

**Quick and Dead.**

"There would be great ructions at the Ministry of Agriculture if 6,000 lambs were reported to have died during the year," thinks Dr. J. R. Kaye, County Medical Officer for the West Riding of Yorkshire. Though it takes many lambs to equal in value one child, there is little fuss when it is human flesh and blood that is in question. If we spent as much on births as we do on funerals it would be a better world, opines the doctor. The State, as well as the individual, is a long time learning this obvious lesson.

**Lost, Stolen, or Strayed.**

Everybody knows that horse-tongue is sometimes substituted for ox-tongue by unscrupulous dealers, and that flat-fish masquerades as sole. But Dr. W. J. Howarth, Medical Officer of Health for London, points out a real horror. Cats, in place of rabbits, are being cooked in pies for human consumption. The remedy for such knavery lies deeper than the law. We need a revival of religious conscience and the bringing home of a sense of responsibility towards the community that must be shared by all.

**Heroic Assistance.**

At Sheffield, recently, Mr. John K. Marshall, was thanked by a magistrate for going to the assistance of a constable, who was struggling with two men. He deserved more than thanks, for the assistance he rendered was more heroic than was described in court. Marshall is lame, and has been unable to work for twenty-two weeks owing to a nervous breakdown. When he went to the aid of the constable he was hurrying home to the bedside of his little boy who was seriously ill. Such heroic behaviour is deserving of the highest praise.

**Greenford's Grouse.**

Inhabitants of one of London's most desirable suburbs, north-west of Ealing, have a reasonable ground of complaint. London refuse is being dumped mountains high in its vicinity. The stench, in certain winds, is unendurable. Millions of flies are bred and constitute a menace so foul that local inhabitants live behind closed doors and windows. A night policeman, who perforce must sleep in the daytime, can only do so by putting a sheet tent-wise over his bed and crawling beneath it. The Ministry of Health must end this scandal at once.

**Backing Us Up.**

Dr. F. W. Norwood, of the City Temple, has joined the agitation against the dismissal from the W.R.A.F. in 1919 of Miss Douglas-Pennant. He and his congregation have signed a petition to the authorities, declaring that a woman who has suffered penalty and shame for seven years should at least know with what she is charged. "Even in Rome," declares the doctor, "no man could be declared condemned to death until he had been faced with his accusers, and what was fair in ancient Rome is right for a modern Briton." That puts the whole scandal in a nutshell.

**Innocent, Yet Guilty.**

A fruiterer of Trowbridge, named Grey, was summoned for selling apples contaminated with arsenic. The chairman was of opinion that the defendant was not morally responsible—which means, if we know English, that he was guiltless of offence. Yet he was fined 14s. 6d., the amount of the costs. To penalise an innocent man, to however small an extent, is a travesty of justice, and proves that the magistrates lacked the courage of their opinions. It is the Ministry of Health, which allows the fruit to reach the market, that should have been brought to book.

**Tea-shop Profiteers.**

New-laid eggs are retailed to-day at 1½d, 2d. and 2½d. each, yet some tea-shops continue to charge 5d. for a boiled egg. There are thousands of young, poorly paid workers who depend upon a humble egg on toast for their mid-day meal, and they are least able to pay profiteering prices.

**Endangering the Empire.**

Mansell Pleydell, Controller of the Army Canteen Board at Simla, was found guilty of kicking a native rickshaw coolie to death, for which heinous offence he was sentenced by the sessions judge to eighteen months' rigorous confinement and a fine of 4,000 rupees. Later the High Court Judge at Lahore refused his application for bail. We should think so, indeed. Such ruffianism is a danger to the empire, and the fellow should think himself lucky to escape the rope.

**Currie's Charities.**

A lady named E. Currie is making an urgent appeal for funds for "The Samaritan Committee," which, according to a circular, is "to provide free meals and fresh air outings for poor London children, and the lonely aged poor." We hope the public will not send any subscriptions to 78, Junction Road, N.19, for Ellen Currie is an old associate of that hardened bogus charity-monger, Walter Blackburn, he has already been fined for irregular charity collecting.

**Sudden Removal.**

A Swansea reader asks if we can help him to trace the firm of T. Dawson, Ltd., "the Football Kings," as it had moved from its office at 38, Gresham Street, Belfast. We are only able to say that a brief notice recently appeared in a Belfast paper to the effect that T. Dawson's Belfast office was being closed, and that all claims should be sent to 37, Albemarle Street, London. We believe their removal was a hurried one, and that there are a good many dissatisfied claimants.

**An Eminent Quack.**

C. M. Davies, who describes himself as an "Eminent London Specialist," sells apparatus to "restore" hearing. He gives his permanent address as 5, College Terrace, Finchley, N.3, which on investigation proves to be hardly the place where one would expect "an eminent London Specialist" to reside. A Holsworthy reader who paid £21 has found the apparatus utterly useless, though Mr. Davies stipulates that he only accepts patients whom he is sure will receive full benefit from his treatment. Others take warning, and consult only qualified medical men.

**Thomson the Twister.**

J. Thomson, lately trading as Thomson Broth[illegible] and Co., Stock and Share Dealers, of 93, [illegible] Chancery Lane, London, W.C.2, is still at his old tricks. A client forwarded £10 10s. for an operation in rubber trusts. After a time he received a letter from J. Thomson urging him to speculate in oil shares, but he replied that he preferred to settle one transaction before opening another. Nothing happened for a month, and then Thomson wrote to say that he was unable to send any remittance "owing to the deplorable state of the market." We are afraid Thomson is a twister.

**Poisonous Pests.**

Housewives all over the country are being horribly victimised by bogus tea-sellers. Watching the mistress from the house they drive up in a smart van and collect from the maid money for tea packets which they declare have been ordered. To others they sell the packets because of "vouchers" which qualify the purchaser to benefit under "a great free gift scheme." The packets are found to contain a little cheap tea mixed with sawdust, and the name of the "firm" a fake. There's only one real safeguard against this sort of fraud, common-sense on the part of purchasers.

**WHEN THE BOOKIE SHAKES THE DICE**

Can you forecast the result of his "throws"? If you can't the "'John Bull' A.B.C. of Racing" will let you into the secret and put you wise to everything the novice should know.

*Problems of Life*

# *The Land We Love*

***by the Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.***

A FINE, tall, well-built American made friends with me on board the French ship which conveyed us from Beyrout to Constantinople.

*Dr. R. J. Campbell*

When we touched at Smyrna this gentleman insisted on going on shore for an hour or two. I did not, as the ship's officers warned us that the Turkish authorities were suspicious of visitors from the West and uncertain in their methods of dealing with such.

My friend had an unpleasant time. He was arrested by armed guards and treated roughly for refusing to part with his passport, and as he was physically a tough customer it took four of them to manage him. He was in actual danger till he threatened them with reprisals from an American warship which was known to be cruising in near Eastern waters.

"See here," he said to me when he came on board again, "I reckon I have had enough of brother Turk. I have travelled over most of the world and never been treated like that before."

AFTER a pause he added: "But I have learned something in my journeyings. It is that the one great civilising power of the world is England. Wherever the British flag flies things are pretty decent; you can always depend upon getting a square deal; but there are not many other spots where you can be sure of it.

"Many Americans call England a land grabber. When I get back home I am going to tell them that it would be better for the human race if she were to grab the whole earth outside of the United States."

Then, with a broad smile, he said: "And come to think of it, if she had not done a bit of grabbing on the American continent there would have been no United States."

This was pleasant hearing for an Englishman, and on the whole just. I have related the incident exactly as it happened, except that I have toned down the American's strong language.

His testimonial to my country's influence abroad accords exactly with my own experience. There is nothing like travel for opening one's eyes to what England really is.

BUT are we holding our own in moral force and reputation? I sometimes doubt it. England seems to be at her best in redeeming the waste places of the earth, and at her worst in solving her own domestic problems.

Some of her sons talk as if they were devoid of a proper pride in their own race or their own national history.

Let them try living under a foreign flag for a while and they will soon be cured.

They will find that they have good reason to love England for what she is and for what she has done.

# ANOTHER KINDELL SWINDLE

## THE GREAT GREENHORN RAMP

### King of Bubble-Pushers

WE are very glad to note, after our persistent exposures of the various share-peddling ramps which have lately been worked in this country, that Scotland Yard is going into the matter to see if there is not some way in which the wholesale swindling of British "greenhorns" can be stopped.

At the present moment, a veritable army of American stock swindlers is operating in this country.

The organisation of this army is on a most elaborate and efficient scale. In the background is to be found a man who may well be termed the uncrowned king of American share-pushers. He lives magnificently at London's best hotels, and daily, from various offices, directs his salesmen.

This same man was also behind the notorious Cambrian Trust, Ltd., of Regent Street, S.W.1, which was responsible for saddling countless credulous people in this country with worthless plots of land in Grant County and Lincoln County, Arkansas, U.S.A.

The police eventually stopped the Cambrian Trust from selling further plots of land, but the American king merely abdicated in favour of a British monarch.

#### *Boosting a bubble*

After a judicious interval, the original Cambrian Trust plot-holders were informed that the Arkansas interests of that concern had been taken over by Constantine Oilfields, Ltd.

Now this latter company was merely one of a group of joint-stock bubbles, boosted by the British king of share-pushers, Mr. A. A. G. Kindell, through the medium of the *Shareholder*, the Shareholders' Corporation, and the Consolidated Finance Corporation, and backed up by a personal canvassing campaign. Many plot-holders were thus induced to take up shares in the Constantine scheme, and those who were wise enough to refuse to do so were informed by Kindell, through the Consolidated Finance Corporation, that their plots in Arkansas would be liable to forfeiture for non-payment of tax.

The corporation followed up the information about non-payment of tax with the kindly suggestion that it should act as agent in this respect in order to save plot-holders the trouble of dealing with the tax authorities individually!

#### *A staggering letter*

It asked, therefore, that remittances of 2s. 6d. for the first plot and 6d. for each additional plot should be sent to cover the amount of tax and the corporation's "quite nominal" charges for its services.

Now, this is most interesting, for a letter which we have before us, from John R. Matthews, sheriff and ex-officio collector for Grant County, Sheridan, Arkansas, fixes the tax on a forty-acre tract of land as £3.

The forty-acre tract in question is divided into 1,600 plots, and it is those absurdly small plots which the Cambrian Trust originally sold as valuable concessions!

The Consolidated Finance Corporation's "quite nominal" charge, therefore, leaves one gasping.

Assuming the average individual holding to be five plots, Kindell and his crew would *only* collect £72, out of which they would have to defray the staggering tax of £3!

Thus the sharks were after small money as well as big. Here is the mean procedure adopted to rook trifling sums of money from poor devils already victimised in the extreme.

But the sheriff's letter is illuminating in other respects also, for he says: "I fail to understand how you could reap any benefit from an investment such as is represented by the Cambrian Trust, Ltd.

"A plot of land, such as described in your title-deed, with its location, is considered of no value by the general public."

Another of Kindell's pet schemes is the Aurora Trust, Ltd., and people should be on their guard against it.

A gentleman in Aberdeen, who was a shareholder in a company which failed, recently received a letter from the Aurora Trust, Ltd., assuring him that he is entitled to twenty preferred ordinary shares and twenty proprietor's shares in a new company—which was to save the disastrous situation brought about by the old!—at 5s. and 2s. 6d. respectively.

"Entitled" is good. It is the "special privilege" dodge, played persistently by Kindell and his satellites, which brings him endless dupes.

For years the irrepressible Kindell has been loading people with speculative and worthless shares by this and other despicable forms of trickery. All his propositions would be better left alone.

#### *Overdue enquiry*

Kindell works from many offices, chief of which are at 60-62, Finsbury Pavement, and a whole collection of shady companies are housed at his various addresses.

We think that the President of the Board of Trade should institute a few enquiries regarding the activities of Kindell and his gang of impudent share-peddlars.

# Worrying a Widow

### Council's Harsh Action

AUTHORITY vested in local councils to make closing orders in respect of dwellings unfit for habitation is very desirable, but when such a body, having themselves rendered a cottage uninhabitable, serve a closing order on the owner, we think it is time to question the efficiency of the Housing Act which makes this inequitable action possible.

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The central figure in a case which has recently been investigated by our Special Commissioner, is Mrs. Caroline Watson, a poor widow, aged seventy-four, who lives at Olive Cottage, Roman Bank, Skegness. She also owns Lynn Cottage, next door, upon the letting of which she depends for her living.

The Skegness Urban District Council, when they demolished a third cottage adjoining the property, left the end wall of Mrs. Watson's cottage in such a state that daylight is visible through the bricks, and when the wind is in a certain direction the beds have to be moved to avoid the rain which pours through.

The council claim that the wall is their property, but instead of making it serviceable they have called upon Mrs. Watson to make good the defects or to sell her cottage to them.

Naturally, the old lady would not part with the cottage which is her livelihood, and, even were she able, why should she be expected to make good the council's wall when she has not damaged it?

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The Skegness Council have now made a closing order on the cottage, and among the defects mentioned by the sanitary inspector, in addition to the defective wall, are broken window cords in the bedrooms!

Although it is admitted that the need of houses in Skegness is in many cases desperate, the council have made this closing order in respect of a dwelling which, apart from the damage they caused, is acknowledged by all who have seen it to be clean and habitable.

Mrs. Watson and her tenant recently invited the public to inspect the cottage, and as a result many criticisms of the council's action have been made.

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The fact that the council were quite prepared to consider an offer for the wall to remain indicates that they have no special object in seeking to close the cottage which they have left in an uninhabitable state.

Any suggestion, therefore, that they desire to demolish Mrs. Watson's cottage, for road improvements or any other purpose, falls to the ground.

Fortunately, Mrs. Watson has the right of appeal to the Ministry of Health, and we trust that a strong line will be taken to safeguard this old lady from the injustice with which she is threatened.

# *Two-legged Brutes*

### *Diabolical Cruelty*

WE hear much concerning cruelty to horses on the Continent, but in humanitarian England also heartless cruelty to animals goes on daily.

One of the most shocking cases was disclosed when William Jones, a bargeman, of Gospel Oak, Tipton, was summoned for cruelty to a horse. The animal was drawing a heavily laden boat, and when it stopped Jones commenced to kick it unmercifully.

In trying to get away from the blows, the horse mounted the bank, but this inhuman monster fetched it down and kicked it for thirty minutes until the animal fell with its hindquarters in the canal, while its forelegs were on the towing-path.

It then rolled bodily into the canal, whilst Jones held its head above water.

#### *An impudent excuse*

When an inspector questioned Jones he denied that he had kicked the horse, stating that it fell into the water. On examination, however, the wretched animal was found to have terrible injuries on the near hind leg.

In spite of this Jones had the audacity to plead "Not guilty," but after the evidence of voluntary eye-witnesses the coward eventually admitted "kicking the horse once on the leg, but not with the intention of hurting it"!

We feel that Jones' intentions would have been brought home to him more clearly if someone could have kicked him hard for half an hour with "no intention of hurting" him.

Jones has been sent to prison for one month with hard labour, during which period he will doubtless have time further to analyse his intentions.

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Thomas Henry Bashton, of Felling, and John Mitchell, of Gateshead, are two more callous brutes who disgrace the name of man.

A pony in their charge was found to be in a stable with no bedding on the plank floor. The animal had a broken leg, was dying of tetanus, and was in great agony. Again the ridiculous plea was put forward that "there was no intention of cruelty."

Bashton and Mitchell escaped with a fine of £5 each, although Sir Alfred Palmer, the chairman, remarked, "If I had been alone on the Bench I would have sent you to prison for three months."

#### *Inadequate punishment*

The law against cruelty to animals errs considerably on the side of leniency, for the utmost penalty that can be passed upon an offender is a fine of £25, or alternatively, or in addition thereto, six months' imprisonment, with or without hard labour.

We cannot too strongly advocate that this law be amended. Brutes and cowards of the worst type must be made to suffer, and even the maximum penalty of six months' imprisonment with hard labour seems barely an adequate punishment.

# Sidelights on Symons

### *Devon Dealer's Plight*

A LITTLE while ago, a Devon reader was favoured with a circular letter from Symons Bros., Ltd., of 251, Roman Road Market, London, E.3, which stated that his name had been given as a sender of "eggs, produce, poultry (dead and alive), rabbits, game, etc."

Symons Bros., Ltd., went on to say that they were very large buyers, and would be glad to receive a share of his consignments.

Eventually, our reader, who ran a dairy business, sent a consignment of goods to Symons Bros., Ltd., to the value of £25.

That was in January last, and as he has not yet received any payment or satisfaction from the "very large buyers," he has written for our advice.

### *Limited capital*

We must confess that we are not surprised at the plight of our Devon reader over his transactions with this firm.

We find that Symons Bros., Ltd., notwithstanding their boast of being a "very old established" concern, was actually registered at Somerset House in May last year, its first directors being David Cohen, commonly known as David Symons, and J. W. Wilson, stated to be a clerk, of 95, Campbell Road, Bow, E.3.

The nominal capital of Symons Bros., Ltd., is £2,000 in £1 shares, but according to the available returns at Somerset House, only £2 appears to have been actually paid up.

With a money capital of £2 one would not expect the company to cut a brilliant figure in the commercial life of Britain, and our Devon reader is not the only person who has been caught for goods.

There are other victims who cannot get their money, and their goods have, presumably, been sold by this £2 firm for cash.

A trader who recently sent Symons Bros., Ltd., a consignment of rabbits and fowls, received a cheque in return which was hopelessly inadequate in amount compared with the value of his produce.

### *The farmer foiled*

Symons Bros., Ltd., wrote this client with the interesting information that the consignment was of inferior quality; and when the trader sought legal advice in the matter, the enterprising Symons Company intimated that it was prepared to contest any proceedings he might care to bring against it in court.

The farmer took out a summons in the local county court, and as no defence was attempted, judgment was obtained by default. The judgment, however, proved useless, for on execution being levied, the firm's property was claimed by Mrs. Sadie Symons as a debenture-holder!

In these circumstances our readers will require no further warning with regard to Symons Bros., Ltd.

# LEECHES OF THE LETTER-BOX

## THE SINISTER CIRCULAR

### Victims' Terrible Agonies

DESPITE the fierce glare of publicity directed upon him in these columns, and in spite of the constant ironic condemnations of his methods which fall from the Bench, the eternal Shylock carries on with impunity.

It is now more or less a foregone conclusion that Lord Carson's Bill, which was to have done so much towards suppressing many of the moneylending evils, will not become law unless something in the nature of a miracle happens.

Backed by this assumption, the bloodsuckers are planning their future coups with renewed zest.

Every week our postbag brings us letters of sorrow and despair from victims in all parts of the country.

They are harrowing documents, telling of forlorn and harassed people who have been driven to commit thefts, who have sold up their treasured belongings, or who have even taken their own lives through coming under the spell of some Shylock or another.

### *Simans the shady*

Let us cite a few typical examples in the hope that all Members of Parliament, to whom we especially appeal, will do their utmost to secure effective legislation when the Moneylenders Bill comes up for discussion during the present session.

A gentleman named L. Simans has a very extensive moneylending business, and deserves some pointed publicity. He issues his circulars from swagger offices in the West End of London, at 109, Jermyn Street, Piccadilly, and also from 22, Lord Street, Liverpool, and 92, Market Street, Manchester.

Mr. Simans trusts that people who receive his unsolicited circulars will pardon the liberty he takes in informing them that he is in a position to advance from £50 to £2,000 on note of hand alone, and to arrange for repayment in a manner perfectly convenient to his clients.

Mr. Simans is a very notorious Shylock, and one who should be given a wide berth. He has figured in many unpleasant transactions.

In one case—and we could give many—he put the bailiffs into the home of a poor family one Christmas Eve, because, after large sums had passed to him by way of profit, his poor dupe was a little behind in his payments.

### *Askew—all askew!*

Another firm which advertises on a large scale, and which also deserves a little salutary publicity, is A. Askew, Ltd., of Dover Street, Mayfair.

An idea of this concern's methods may be formed after we have considered a recent case at Greenwich where A. Askew, Ltd., sued a husband and wife for £54, the balance of a loan.

Now, it should be borne in mind that moneylenders very rarely go to court unless they have a case in which they consider the interest to be reasonable. But let us see what happened in this instance.

The husband and wife had had several transactions with A. Askew, Ltd., in which the rate of interest worked out at something between 125 and 130 per cent.!

### *The fear of publicity*

The circumstances of the case were so harsh and unconscionable that the judge, Sir Thomas Granger, who heard the case when it reached the Greenwich County Court, cut down the Askew claim from £54 to £20 and, in addition, ordered this firm of bloodsuckers to refund £25.

*Lord Carson, whose Bill to end moneylending evils is in grave danger of being sidetracked*

We are pleased to record this splendid decision, but if A. Askew, Ltd., considered this case a reasonable one, we tremble to think what some of their *unreasonable* ones may be like!

We know of one instance, at least, in which they charged well over 200 per cent. on a loan to an Army officer, who, sorely in need of funds, naturally did not wish his superior officers to know of the difficulties he was in.

It is this fear of publicity which in many cases, gives the Shylocks an additional hold over their victims.

John Ingleby, of North John Street, Liverpool, is another nice fellow. Happily, two of his victims, a local mother and daughter, had the courage to act upon advice and sued Ingleby for relief in respect of certain moneylending transactions with him.

The daughter's husband was a military officer who became insane, and, owing to the time taken in getting his affairs in order, she was rendered temporarily penniless.

### *A Shylock and some jewels*

In due course, when her allowance was fixed, she was entitled to obtain an advance, and, acting foolishly, through lack of knowledge, she consulted Ingleby.

Ingleby smiled graciously at the poor fly who had walked so unsuspectingly into his parlour, and charged 200 per cent. on a loan of £125, in addition to which he obtained jewellery from her to the value of £400 by way of "security."

Having shown how generous he could be, he became even more obliging, and advanced a further £30 —*at 400 per cent.!*

Of course the young woman got into difficulties, and her account with Ingleby began to grow, until a friend, whose advice she sought in her dire distress, urged her to seek the protection of the court.

She had by this time paid back much more than she had borrowed, yet Ingleby was pressing for further payments and still held her jewellery.

She appealed before Mr. Justice Rigby Swift at Liverpool Assizes, who held that the interest already paid was quite sufficient, and ordered Ingleby to return the jewellery and pay the costs!

A dreadful case, in which an unnamed moneylender figured, recently occurred at Sheerness. It is the story of a terrible double tragedy.

A husband and wife drank poison from the same glass to "end their miseries," and their miseries were the result of transactions with the moneylender whose name has been spared the publicity of print.

### *The loan that meant death*

This unfortunate couple—Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, of 157, Coronation Road, Sheerness—left behind pitiful letters, which show all too clearly that they were suffering the most acute mental distress.

The wife, in her letter, told how her husband had given a bill of sale for £100, in order to obtain a loan of £50. The husband's letter stated that he had paid back £110 11s., and was still being pressed for a further £23!

The prolonged anxiety which these poor victims had endured, coupled with the imminent dread of having their home seized and broken up, led them to take their lives as the only possible solution to their difficulties.

### *Go to the court!*

At the inquest, Mr. E. Cecil Harris, the county coroner, said that the action of the moneylenders "in exercising their remedies" no doubt influenced their minds.

"My advice," he added, "is to keep out of the hands of moneylenders. It nearly always ends in disaster."

It does, indeed; and, in this case, these poor people died by poison, rather than face the breaking-up by moneylenders of their once happy home. It is a great pity that they had no friendly adviser to urge them to seek relief in the county court.

There are thousands of people in the iron grip of relentless Shylocks, many of whom have been writhing in agony for years.

The fact that they have the right to apply to the local county court for any harsh and unreasonable transaction to be reopened does not seem to be widely known, and many who are aware of this remedy hesitate to face the publicity.

We trust that the facts here given will help to convince such people that it is folly not to avail themselves of the opportunity which the present legislation offers, though the existence of this remedy should not lead Members of Parliament to imagine that revised legislation is not desirable.

# AMAZING COMPANY REPORT

## ASHTON'S ASTONISHING CHEEK

### Exploiting the Press

FOR many years we have been inundated with complaints regarding an enterprising gentleman named Henry Allen Ashton, who is the leading figure behind the London Financial Service, Ltd., of 69, Fleet Street, E.C.

In the capacity of the London Financial Service, Ashton undertakes to register companies for traders who wish to limit their liability, but the experience of most of his clients has been anything but pleasant.

One gentleman, who paid £105 on the understanding that the "Service" would form a company and also find £1,000 capital, has not only lost his money, but has also failed to get any satisfaction.

We do not suggest that Ashton lacks the profound knowledge of finance and company law which he is so fond of claiming. He certainly knows every possible loophole in our antiquated company law, and he is a very wily customer indeed. He must also be given credit for amazing impudence.

#### *Bouquets for his denouncers*

Following certain comments in these columns, Ashton wrote to us in a most dignified tone, expressing a desire to call upon us and make an explanation of some of the statements which had appeared in our article.

His dignity did not impress us any more than his elaborate letter-heading, with its representation of the Bank of England on one side and a tape-machine on the other, but we granted the interview.

Ashton came round in a champagne-and-cigar mood, but his attempted "explanations" failed to move us, and he followed up his personal interview by sending us a copy of his own work, "1,000 Questions and Answers on Company Law."

Finding that he could still make no impression upon our editorial department, Ashton adopted different tactics. He approached our advertising department, stating that, as a result of an interview with a member of our editorial staff, he was "disposed" to try JOHN BULL as a medium for his advertisements.

"Disposed to try" is good, but even this colossal piece of impudence failed.

#### *Ashton the audacious*

But let us turn again to his actual business activities, which, as we have said, have resulted in our being inundated with complaints from all quarters.

The following may be taken as a fairly typical example of his methods of business.

A gentleman who had little or no capital was attracted by Ashton's advertisements and approached him with the intimation that he wished to start a cinematograph show.

Ashton said that it could be done, and that he would float a company for his client and raise the capital provided he could put down £100.

The gentleman paid over his £100, and after a long delay the company was formed. In the meantime, however, Ashton had been pressing for further cash "on account."

The new company was boosted in Ashton's bogus financial paper, the *Stock Exchange Mail*, but it never brought in a halfpenny, in spite of Ashton's expert knowledge and supreme managing powers!

One of the most impudent devices he has ever manufactured was to publish an elaborate report of the annual general meeting of the London Financial Service, Ltd. This appeared in the *Daily Telegraph*, and was of such a rosy nature that hundreds of gullible people must have been greatly impressed.

A dividend of 300 per cent. was declared, and much was made of the managing director's last deal—the acquisition of 4,900 unissued shares of the company for £4,900.

Many of the secretary's comments, whilst reading the report, were stated to have been greeted with cheers.

This is most interesting, but it becomes still more so when one refers to the files at Somerset House.

The latest available returns show that the shareholders of this wonderful concern are three in number, and that the nominal capital of 100 £1 shares was on formation allotted as follows: ninety-one to Henry Allen Ashton, six to Reginald Henry Ashton and three to Sadie Williams.

The £4,900 increase of capital, which was made so much of in the report, was merely an allotment of extra shares to Henry Allen Ashton, "the untiring" chairman.

#### *Serene in his swindles*

With these facts before us it is not difficult to visualise that momentous meeting. We can picture the secretary, Sadie Williams, reading the report to the accompaniment of cheers from the enthusiastic shareholders—Papa Ashton and Master Ashton.

It is doubtful if there was ever such a colossal piece of impertinence, yet Ashton, not content with publishing his bogus report in the press, actually sent out reprints in an endeavour to induce people to take up shares in his company!

Such action strikes us as meriting the attention of the Public Prosecutor, and meanwhile, our advice to people who want capital is to leave Henry and his son Reginald severely alone.

# A Jack Jettisoned

## Sailor's Pension Scandal

A CASE brought to light by our Special Commissioner in Leicester will shatter the confidence of any who still believe that the Government is doing its duty by those incapacitated in the Senior Service.

Ex-A.B. Ernest S. W. Braker served eleven years in the Navy, and the authorities admit that the disease from which he is suffering, pulmonary tuberculosis, was contracted during his service.

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The excuse made when his appeal for a pension was disallowed was to the effect that because the Great War ended officially in September, 1921, and the disease with which Braker was discharged became evident *after* that date, his misfortune can be neither attributed to nor aggravated by his naval service in the war.

Surely the circumstances of his discharge, and not the "official ending" of the war, should determine the man's right to a pension.

Having regard to the fact that Braker served continuously, from his enlistment as a healthy lad of fifteen, right through the war, until his discharge in 1924, and with irreproachable character, it is preposterous that the authorities should evade their responsibilities by allowing such an unjust decision to be promulgated.

Braker receives not a penny by way of pension. Gratuities he has had, but to these he would have been entitled, irrespective of his disease.

He went through the Battle of Jutland; his decorations include the 1914-15 star, and he has the chevrons for every year of war service.

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How is he supposed to live? He is not fit to work. His body is ruined by the terrible disease contracted within the narrow confines of a destroyer, after his chest and lungs had been weakened by exposure for several hours in the water, when his ship, the *Cassandra*, was blown up in the Baltic in 1918.

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Braker was not the man to take lying down the harsh decision of the Naval medical authorities; he appealed, but the scandalous "award" remains unaltered, despite the fact that medical testimony proves that there was no trace of tuberculosis in his system when he was on leave a year previous to that date.

This young man—notwithstanding his long service, he is still only twenty-nine—is in a hopeless and helpless state, living from hand to mouth, and dependent entirely on the charity of good Samaritans with whom chance may bring him in contact from day to day.

# *Old Age and Agony*

### *Old Servant Left to Starve*

A VERY poignant case of hardship has been brought to our notice from Penge, where an aged street-sweeper has retired at the age of seventy-seven because his sight has failed.

The man in question, a Mr. Fountain, has been employed by the Penge Borough Council for thirty-four years. He stuck to his job manfully, hanging on from sheer necessity though his sight was fast failing, and it was only when the traffic became too dangerous for him that he finally gave up.

The wages of a road-sweeper obviously did not allow for a "nest egg" against his old age. The "little hoard" it was possible to lay aside for the "rainy day" was practically non-existent.

#### *Old man's ordeal*

When he left, his employers paid him his wages for a month or two; but he has been given no pension or any form of grant, as might be expected in recognition of his long and faithful service, and he has had a terrible struggle to exist.

His wife, although an invalid, is compelled to take in washing as a means of adding to their slender income, and to enable them to keep their home together.

It seems a scandal that these decent, hardworking people should be reduced to these circumstances, when the council could so easily have exercised its privilege of introducing a pension scheme.

The matter has been discussed on more than one occasion, but, apparently, the members of the council are unable to agree. We cannot understand what objections the dissenting members cherish.

Mr. Fountain is not the only ex-employee of the council in such circumstances, and there are many others up and down the country. It is generally supposed that the whole question of pensions for municipal workers is covered by the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1922.

Unfortunately there are flaws in the Act, one being the option granted to local councils of pensioning off employees too old or infirm to work. Some councils adopt superannuation schemes, and some do not.

It is most unfair that a worker in one locality may be able to retire on a pension, while his less-fortunate brother in an adjoining district gets nothing.

#### *The missing link*

A Government committee is sitting at present to consider the desirability of ruling out this option and making the Act compulsory. We do not know what its decision will be, but we know what it ought to be.

Municipal workers have every right to demand uniform treatment, and any Act which deprives them of this right, whether directly or indirectly, is in urgent need of revision.

# Taverner's New Twist

## A Dark Snowball Scheme

ROGUES may come and rogues may go, but that plausible scoundrel, William Taverner, seems to go on for ever. He has been shown up in these columns for years past, yet he carries on as impudently as ever, adding to his huge list of victims daily.

Sometimes prospective clients have challenged him with regard to the criticisms which have appeared in JOHN BULL, and on such occasions Taverner has taken the opportunity to write screeds of abuse about us, assuring the world that he has been sadly misjudged.

He even called upon us in person a few months ago, and protested most earnestly that our assertions were unfounded and libellous.

We contented ourselves with telling him what we had told him before—to issue a writ against us for libel and we would prove that our statements were true.

### *Second thoughts*

Taverner, apparently, thought better of it, for he certainly took no action against us. As a matter of fact, we have often been far more lenient with him than he deserved.

He is bad all through, and on one occasion, when he was sentenced to nine months for fraud, the judge denounced him as a plausible and sanctimonious humbug.

The description could not be more apt, for Taverner's humbug and bluff led many of his victims in that particular fraud to believe that he himself was the victim of a grave injustice.

Having established this belief, Taverner induced many of them to put their faith (and their money) into another of his rotten schemes, known as "Quarterly Dividends."

His latest activities centre around a "snowball" scheme, which is "mainly to assist poor persons to earn an immediate and magnificent return on a very small capital—namely, 5s.—which, within a week, or even an hour, can be converted into 10s.

### *The harvest home*

The "poor person" is to begin by paying 2s. 6d. for a coupon, which is to be sent with another 2s. 6d. to National House Purchase, Ltd., Fishponds, Bristol.

He will then be supplied with four similar coupons which he is to sell to "other poor persons," thereby making a profit of 5s.

It will be seen that this is merely a variation of other crude "snowball" schemes, which have been exposed in these pages; but listen how enthusiastic William Taverner becomes when outlining his proposition.

"It is of an automatically expanding nature, spreading from hand to hand, or increasing like a grain of corn bringing forth an ever-increasing harvest as it is resown."

It will bring forth an ever-increasing harvest all right, but it will be gathered in by William Taverner, and the sowers will be "sold."

# AN OFFICER AND A BRUTE

## THE WORST MEN IN THE WORLD

### Magistrates' Shocking Leniency

LETTERS of protest continue to reach us in increasing numbers concerning criminal assaults inflicted upon children, and the amazing leniency with which the culprits are punished.

In many cases they are people occupying positions of trust who are regarded by their fellows as men of the highest possible character.

It has lately been our duty, in the public interest, to refer to three distinctly bad cases.

The first concerned a North London verger who, whilst posing as a devout servant of Christianity, subjected several little girls under his care to the most wanton treatment.

The second reference was to a young Southwark Sunday-school teacher who committed a grave assault upon a pupil of five.

The third was that of a Scottish missioner who, absconding after an exceptionally grave charge had been brought against him, went about preaching for two years before being finally sent to jail for his scoundrelly conduct.

It was the extraordinary leniency of the sentences that roused the indignation of our readers and ourselves.

### *Shocking corruption*

To-day we turn the limelight upon other cases which concern men whose positions make their offences all the more dreadful.

James Johnson, of Grove Street, Deptford, became connected with the Deptford Naval Brigade in 1923, and eventually took the rank of lieutenant, having a large number of young boys under his control.

But doubts soon began to arise. Whispers of unpleasant things went round the brigade, and it became clear that Mr. Johnson was not quite the honourable naval brigade officer he was supposed to be.

In consequence of complaints, his movements were watched, with the ultimate result that he was taken into custody.

When Johnson was charged before Mr. Fry at Tower Bridge, unquestionable evidence was brought against him, and he was found guilty.

*The Home Secretary, to whom we offer a suggestion*

What punishment did Johnson receive for his heinous offence? A long term of imprisonment, with several strokes of the "cat"? No—he escaped with three months' hard labour!

Another gentleman who does not appear to be fit to perform the responsible duties vested in him is the Rev. Egbert Carroll, of the Friary, Woodford Green, Essex, and we hope the local churchgoers will see that he is no longer permitted to lecture to their little ones—or to themselves either.

The Rev. E. Carroll was recently arrested on one of the gravest immoral charges it is possible to bring against any man, although his conduct did not concern a child.

At the first hearing Mr. Snell, the North London magistrate, remanded Carroll in custody for a week.

Subsequently, Mr. Theobald Matthews appeared in defence of the clergyman, and, stating that he had no wish to question the evidence, pointed out that Carroll had been given the highest of characters.

Mr. Snell observed that this particular case had given him a great deal of worry, but as he could see no good being done by sending Carroll to jail, he bound him over.

### *A perverted priest*

Many people will not agree with such a decision, for a man like Carroll, vested as a clerk in holy orders, whose duty it was to preach the gospel and denounce such practices as he himself had been guilty of, should have known better than anyone the extreme gravity of the offence he had committed.

Many illiterate men, whose minds are backward, and who might truly claim that they are more or less mentally deficient, have been sent to jail for the same offence as this degenerate clergyman's.

Is it fair? Is this the way to put down such conduct?

We could go on giving instances of this nature, but it is not our desire to do so.

Our one object in dealing with this delicate, but very serious, matter is to ask the Home Office to call for the recent statistics of offences of this kind.

Such a list would undoubtedly show that the offenders include an increasing number of clergymen, scoutmasters, school teachers, Sunday-school superintendents, vergers, and people in similar responsible positions, whose duty it is to protect and not corrupt public morality.

# A Dilatory Clothier

## Veto the "Veget"

WE have lately been inundated with complaints from readers in all parts of the country respecting a concern called the Veget Wearproof Clothing Company, of 85, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.1.

The proprietor would appear to be a gentleman named G. W. Garnham, and, judging from the serious nature of the great number of complaints before us, his methods of business are, to say the least, highly unsatisfactory.

The Veget Wearproof Company advertises, in alluring terms, bargains in the way of wearing apparel, and the advertisements naturally have a special appeal for people who earn only small wages and who can only afford clothing of the cheapest kind.

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Let us give one case as typical of the complaints pouring into our office. A Sheffield reader saw the Veget Wearproof Company's advertisement in a London daily paper last November, and being attracted by the bargain rates of the concern he sent for their cloth patterns with a view to sending an order for an overcoat.

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Selecting the material he liked, he forwarded £2 1s., which was acknowledged by the company, and later received intimation that the order was in hand. A month passed, during which no further news came to hand, and our reader eventually wrote asking for the overcoat or for his money back.

He received a reply stating that a special effort would be made to complete the order within a few days—but this "special effort" has not materialised, and further letters to the company have been ignored.

Now, from England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, people who have suffered similar experiences are writing to us for advice as to how they can obtain the goods they have paid for, or the return of their money, from this very dilatory firm.

From time to time we have written to the concern on behalf of some of our readers, but lately the company has taken to ignoring our letters in addition to those from its disgusted clients.

In the circumstances we suggest to Mr. Garnham that he gets a move on before he expects to receive any further orders (and money) from new clients.

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Then, to all prospective patrons of the Veget Clothing Company, we say: treat the appealing advertisements of this concern with the greatest caution!

Some of the unsatisfied customers are so poor that they had to scrape together the money they sent by going short of food.

It must be very galling to such as they that Mr. Garnham, apart from his strange reluctance to send their goods, adds to the cruel situation by ignoring their correspondence.

# POP GOES PERRY!

## BONUS AND BLATANT BLUFF

### Official Receiver Backs "John Bull"

MR. H. PERRY, of 30, Anlaby Road, Teddington, who has frequently figured in these columns, is really rather priceless. His affairs have just been examined at Kingston Bankruptcy Court by the Official Receiver, Mr. T. Gourlay, and Perry made a spirited attempt to convince his examiner that JOHN BULL was a wicked, wicked paper.

Perry stated that he began business in 1922 as the National Bonus Company, and sold books of coupons to retail traders who issued the coupons to customers.

When a customer obtained a full book of coupons he became entitled to a bonus of 2½ per cent.

Perry, who sold these books and coupons to traders for 16s., declared that his profit was 3s. and that he had found this insufficient to pay agents' salaries and all other expenses of the business.

Nevertheless, his organisation spread throughout England, and some parts of Scotland and Wales, being carried on by agents and district managers.

#### *An unconvincing argument*

According to Mr. Perry, all would have been well if the scheme had not been attacked by JOHN BULL. The result of this attack was that shopkeepers refused to buy the books, which were all sent back to Perry, who was unable to redeem them.

The Official Receiver was hardly convinced by this statement. "Surely," he asked, "JOHN BULL would not have made such a statement unless they had received a complaint from somebody to whom pa ment had not been made?"

r. Perry made no attempt to answer this question, but put up a quibble about certain books having been returned half full of *Imperial Bo us* stamps, which he *had* refused to redeem.

#### *"None so deaf—"*

The Receiver was not to be put off, however, and asked Perry point-blank whether JOHN BULL was not essentially right.

But here again, Perry avoided the question and observed that JOHN BULL should have "made enquiries as to whether we were meeting our liabilities."

"I have no brief for JOHN BULL," retorted Mr. Gourlay, "but was not their criticism essentially sound? You were going on with business with insolvency staring you in the face?"

Still Mr. Perry affected deafness, and rambled away from the point by remarking aimlessly that an earlier attack in JOHN BULL, two years before the one he complained of, had not affected him much.

The Official Receiver was very patient, and asked Perry whether he would have been justified in continuing business *apart* from JOHN BULL'S attack.

And at last Perry condescended to answer. He said that he "thought so" at the time, but did "not think so" now!

The examination showed that the liabilities of the National Bonus Company were £1,006 18s. 5d., and there was a deficiency of £981 18s. 5d.

Mr. Gourlay expressed the view that JOHN BULL was essentially right in representing that the business was an unsound business, and it was a good thing that the attack had been instrumental in stopping it, as it might have led to serious trouble.

Perry put forward a feeble plea that he "thought" that if expenses were cut down the business would have righted itself very nicely.

But, in reply to Mr. Gourlay, he admitted that a large number of poor people had lost money in the concern, and in the end agreed reluctantly that it was in the public interest to have it stopped.

#### *Patience—and Perry*

Priceless Mr. Perry! We sympathise with the Official Receiver, whose patience must have been sorely tried in dealing with such a hopeless individual.

And we are glad to be able to record yet another instance in which JOHN BULL has rendered valuable public service by putting an end to the activities of one whose business was fleecing poor people and small shopkeepers.

# A Poisoner of School-boys

### Five Dreadful Years

SOME few years ago we found it our duty to refer to the poisonous activities of a person named A. H. Bolden, who, from Spencer Road, Seven Kings, was circulating a miscellaneous assortment of rubbish, ranging from formulas for "Genuine Japanese Sneezing Powder" to "Nude Photos—taken from life."

We did not spare words in commenting upon Bolden's beastly activities, but castigated him severely because he was distributing his filth among schoolboys all over the country.

We closed our article with the suggestion that all Bolden's disgusting circulars and photos should be made into a huge bonfire, and added that he deserved to be pitched into the hottest part of it.

Mr. Bolden took exception to our comments and favoured us with a personal call. He declared that it was his intention to issue a writ unless we tendered an apology.

#### *Bolden's bunkum*

According to him our article was "a farrago of nonsense," and his earnestness almost led us to believe that we had been too harsh.

But further investigation on our part fully confirmed our original opinions, and showed that the strong language we had used was not a little bit too strong.

We informed Bolden that we had no intention of offering an apology, and advised him to get on with his writ. He did nothing at all.

That was years ago, and what has happened since? One might have expected the police to take prompt steps, after our exclusive exposure, to stop Bolden's beastly trade—particularly as schoolboys were being contaminated everywhere.

After all, if a newspaper can get the information to charge a man openly with such a thing without mincing words, surely the police, with their greater sources of information, should find no difficulty?

#### *Years of filth*

It is true that he was sent to jail in 1922 for sending improper books through the post, but his sentence was a trifling one of six weeks, and his foul organisation was in no way shattered.

Why was he not stopped altogether? Why, when we exposed him in the first place, were the eyes of the police not kept rigidly fixed upon him?

We cannot say, but we now find that he was able to continue his disgusting career unchecked until a few days ago, when he was brought up before the Recorder, Sir Ernest Wild, at the Old Bailey.

He was charged with another man, named Alexander Hastings, with producing and circulating undesirable photographs, which the Recorder described as "contaminating the soul of the community."

The revelations of the case were of a most disgusting and disgraceful character.

Hastings had only been in the "business" for about twelve months, and it would seem that he had been considerably influenced by Bolden.

On one occasion he wrote to Hastings to say that he had two or three thousand names on his list who had already purchased some of his "lesser lines," and added: "I have another five thousand I am in touch with. . . . I have written to hundreds of thousands during the last few years to get my collection of buyers."

#### *Prosecute the purchasers*

After some outspoken comments on the grave national scandal of trafficking in such pictures, Sir Ernest Wild expressed a hope that the Public Prosecutor would take action against the willing purchasers.

He addressed himself very sternly to the two prisoners, whom he sent to twenty-one months' hard labour.

So Bolden has been brought to book at last, but who can gauge the incalculable harm he may have wrought in his five years of uninterrupted activities?

# *Ten-year-old Criminal*

### *Magistrate's Cruel Comment*

OUR industrial schools are crammed with children who have committed petty thefts, and it is clear that some better method is required for dealing with such cases.

The usual procedure is to send children to these institutions until they "attain the age of sixteen"; but as most of the children who are thus dealt with obviously have some kink or are extremely backward, the detention does not tend to improve their condition.

In fact, more often than not, these little ones are ultimately certified "mentally deficient" and become slaves of the State for years.

#### *The ragged beggar*

A very sad case has just been brought to our notice from Whitehaven, where a ten-year-old child was apprehended for begging.

Evidence was given that she was very poorly clad, and without shoes or stockings, and that she had been going from house to house asking for money.

The constable who apprehended the child said that he had received several complaints against her with regard to begging.

One would have thought that a child of ten, found in these circumstances, would have been taken home to the custody of her parents, but, apparently, the constable was of another opinion.

He imagined that he had caught a hardened offender in this frail, innocent-looking child, with golden hair and blue eyes, and he hustled her along to the police station without ceremony.

This ordeal was bad enough for one so young, but worse was to come when the girl was brought up before the Whitehaven magistrates.

The chairman, Mr. W. McGowan, seems to have been unsympathetic in his treatment of the case. "There must be a screw loose somewhere," he declared. "We are of the opinion that she must be sent away."

#### *Salvation or shame?*

He then announced the decision of the Bench to remand the child until an industrial school had been selected for her reception, and he turned a deaf ear upon her father's pleas.

He remained unmoved also when he learnt that both the child's parents were suffering from tuberculosis, and might not live to see their daughter again if she was to be incarcerated in an industrial school until the age of sixteen.

"We are doing our best for the girl, and not for you," was his final comment.

The best? Can an industrial school be said to be the best place for a child of ten whose only offence was begging? Yet there is no "go-between home." It is either Borstal, jail or—years in a reformatory.

Such a case as this clearly shows how greatly some form of compromise is needed.

# A Grave Injustice

by the Right Hon. PHILIP SNOWDEN, M.P. *(Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Labour Government)*

***THE fleecing of the British taxpayer on account of war debts is scandalous. The methods adopted by the Chancellor would bring ruin and disaster to any commercial enterprise. Very different methods must be adopted if the country is to regain prosperity***

IT is indeed time that the people of Great Britain awoke to the iniquity of the allied debts problem. Ever since the end of the war the taxpayers of this country have been paying £100,000,000 a year in interest upon the debts owed to us by our late allies. This represents about 1s. 9d. in the pound on income-tax.

Our Continental debtors owe us over *two thousand million pounds*. They have not yet paid one penny of interest upon this debt, nor have they paid one penny of the capital indebtedness.

This money was raised by the British Government during the war by borrowing from British investors, and upon this loan an average interest of 5 per cent. is being paid.

The British Government borrowed nearly £1,000,000,000 from the United States to lend to France and the other Continental allies. Three years ago the United States Government asked the British Government to pay this debt, and a funding arrangement was made.

We undertook to repay this debt over a period of sixty-two years by annual payments of about £35,000,000, including interest and sinking fund.

### *A terrible burden*

For the original sum we obtained from the United States, which was less than £1,000,000,000, we have undertaken to pay over £1,000,000,000 of interest, in addition to the payment of the original capital sum.

It is important to bear that fact in mind in connection with the settlement of the debts owed to us by our Continental debtors. For the next sixty years the taxpayers of Great Britain will have to pay over 6d. in the pound on the income-tax on account of the payments to America for money which we never got, but which we handed over to France and Italy.

In addition to this, France owes us nearly £700,000,000 and Italy about £600,000,000. Mr. Churchill has just concluded an agreement with Italy for the settlement of her debt to us.

Last August he made a tentative arrangement with France, but owing to the financial chaos in that country and the frequent changes of Governments, that arrangement has not been ratified.

Let us contrast the arrangement which Mr. Churchill has made with Italy, and the terms he was willing to give to France, with the settlement Mr. Baldwin made with America. For a loan from America, which we guaranteed but never received ourselves, we are paying the interest and the capital sum.

### *An enlightening comparison*

Italy is never going to pay one penny of interest upon her debt to us. But for generations the British Government will have to pay interest and sinking fund on that Italian debt of nearly £600,000,000.

For the next sixty years at least the British taxpayer will have to pay £30,000,000 a year on account of this debt owed to us by Italy. And Mr. Churchill has agreed to accept from Italy a sum of £4,000,000 a year for sixty-two years in full settlement of this debt. The British taxpayer will have to pay the remaining £26,000,000 a year.

If the Italian debt had been funded on the same terms as we are paying to America, Italy would pay about £23,000,000 a year. Over the sixty-two years she would pay us £1,400,000,000. Instead of which, she is to pay us altogether £250,000,000, spread over sixty-two years. *And the British taxpayer will have to make up the difference.*

The tentative arrangement made with France last August follows much on the same lines as this Italian settlement. France owes us just under £700,000,000. Mr. Churchill agreed to let France off with an annual payment of £12,500,000, spread over sixty-two years.

That would just about pay off the capital sum of the debt, but not one penny of interest upon it. The British taxpayer would have to pay the interest, which amounts to about £35,000,000 a year—just the sum we have to pay America.

### *The patient beast*

The net result of these two arrangements will be that Great Britain will lose nearly £2,000,000,000 in the next sixty-two years on account of these two debts. The British taxpayer will have to find this money.

But this loss represents only a very small part of the burden which Great Britain has to bear on account of her participation in the war. The cost of the war to this country was more than the cost to France, Italy and Russia combined.

Great Britain is paying out of revenue annually 50 per cent. more than France, and 100 per cent. more than Italy. The taxation per head of population in Great Britain is more than double that of France, and over three times more than that of Italy.

France has never shouldered her fair share of the financial burden of the war. She is one of the richest countries in the world. Her chaotic national financial position is wholly due to the unwillingness of her citizens to pay taxes.

Since the war France has spent incredible sums on industrial reconstruction. She has never had an unemployment problem. Her foreign trade has surpassed the pre-war record. The depreciation of her exchange has enabled her to oust us from the foreign markets, and has enabled her to make greater inroads in the British market.

### *Debtor or creditor?*

By the use of the money which she ought to have paid us on account of her debt, she has aggravated our unemployment problem. In addition, she has spent money she ought to have paid to us in financing her Continental allies, and in extending her air fleet, thereby compelling us to increase ours.

Quite recently the argument has been seriously raised that France does not owe this country anything, but, on the contrary, that we are in debt to France. She has discovered that the British Government imposed an excess profits tax during the war, and this, she asserts, should be set off against the sums we lent to France.

If, however, France should ultimately be compelled to accept the arrangement made last August, and to pay us £12,500,000 a year, how will the debt question then stand? We shall get £4,000,000 a year from Italy, £12,500,000 from France, and a certain sum from Germany. The last item is uncertain.

Suppose we take the improbable figure of £20,000,000 a year from German reparations. That would bring the total receipts from France, Italy and Germany to £36,500,000 a year, just about the sum we have to pay America.

*The Rt. Hon. Philip Snowden, M.P.*

That would mean that we are not getting a penny of reparations from Germany, but are handing over our share to France, Italy and America. It would mean that the British taxpayer is shouldering the whole of our own war debt, and in addition the whole of the debt we lent to our Continental allies.

Mr. Churchill laid it down that France and Italy must not make terms for the repayment of their debts to America more favourable to that country than the terms she accepted from us. But he let off Italy far more lightly than America has done.

The explanation of this lavish generosity to Italy and France, at the expense of the British taxpayer, is obvious. Mr. Churchill is in desperate need of money, and he is ready to sacrifice the principal for the sake of an immediate small payment to ease his present financial embarrassment.

One or two facts of these arrangements should burn into the mind of every British taxpayer who is groaning under the load of heavy taxation. The Italian debt costs this country about £30,000,000 a year. Italy is to pay £1,000,000 of that; the British taxpayer is to pay £26,000,000 a year for the next two or three generations.

If the French debt be settled on the terms arranged last August, France will pay £12,500,000, and the British taxpayers will be left to bear £22,500,000 a year for generations.

### *A better policy*

It would have been good policy at the end of the war to wipe the slate clean of all these debts. But when America insisted upon her pound of flesh from us the situation was changed, and it was made imperative, in the interests of Great Britain, that our Continental debtors should fund their debts to us on not less favourable terms.

Instead of that, Mr. Churchill has let Italy off with a payment of 3s. in the pound, and left the British taxpayers to bear the loss of 17s. in the pound.

Mr. Churchill justifies this on the ground that it is another milestone on the road of European appeasement and reconciliation!

# Candid Communications

*Outspoken Messages to Celebrities, Notorieties and, occasionally, Nonentities*

**To the Rt. Hon. STANLEY BALDWIN, M.P., 10, Downing Street, S.W.**

DEAR PRIME MINISTER,—Although in the existing state of public business it is obviously impossible for you to state the date, you have promised to call a conference on equal franchise for men and women. You will do well to take the earliest possible moment for redeeming this promise. These are days when the counsel and help of women are needed in the settlement of the country's pressing problems. I have faith that the great majority stand for peace and not for conflict in industrial as well as international affairs, but their influence will be stronger when they are not suffering from this injustice.

JOHN BULL.

**To the Rt. Hon. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, M.P., Minister of Health.**

SIR,—At the Wath Main Colliery, Yorkshire, a number of miners were recently prevented from working because of suspected contact with a case of smallpox. The local urban council, anxious to do the decent thing, asked your permission to compensate the men for loss of wages, but this reasonable application your officials bluntly refused, whereupon the council decided to take the responsibility upon its own shoulders and pay out the money. It remains to be seen if you have the pluck to honestly admit you were wrong.

JOHN BULL.

**To the Rt. Hon. W. C. BRIDGEMAN, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty.**

SIR,—I am afraid your much-trumpeted economies at the Admiralty have begun at the wrong end. It looks well enough on paper to say that you are saving £26,000 on establishment charges, but if this simply means sacking charwomen and other small wage-earners the taxpayer will not gain much in the long run. Nor can I pretend to be enthusiastic about the cutting-down of seamen's tobacco and soap. I should have thought more of you if you had taken a "cut" at those armour-clad cruisers or the costly folly of Singapore.

JOHN BULL.

**To Rt. Hon. Sir W. MITCHELL-THOMSON, M.P., Postmaster-General.**

DEAR P.M.-G.,—Whatever your decision in regard to the future of broadcasting, I hope you will give effect to the recommendation that free licences should be granted to the blind. Such little touches of human kindness are rare enough in public affairs; but as often as the opportunity occurs the country counts on its Ministers to do the decent thing.

JOHN BULL.

**To the Rt. Hon. Sir W. JOYNSON-HICKS, M.P., Home Secretary.**

DEAR SIR,—Evelyn Spreadbury, the young girl who at Winchester was sentenced to death for throwing her baby into Basingstoke Canal in a moment of frenzied despair, has been reprieved, according to custom in such cases. Although criminal actions, even by a despairing unmarried mother, cannot pass unnoticed, it would be well if the ghastly farce of pronouncing a death sentence never intended to be carried out was left out of the criminal proceedings.

JOHN BULL.

**To the Rt. Hon. WALTER GUINNESS, M.P., Minister of Agriculture.**

DEAR SIR,—You declare the intention of the Government to deal this session with the question of small holdings and cottage homes. For heaven's sake do not let the thing remain an intention only. There are 17,000 workers already on the waiting-list. Get on with it. We are all sick of intentions and hopes.

JOHN BULL.

**To Colonel H. C. WOODCOCK, M.P., Bury Street, S.W.**

DEAR SIR,—Your question to the President of the Board of Trade, designed to expedite the work of the departmental committee on company law, is well timed. It is shameful that so much rope is allowed to bogus company promoters who fleece the public. I have long urged revision of the law to protect poor people and small investors from those sharks, and I am delighted to have your support.

JOHN BULL.

THE ONLY LAND FOR THE PEOPLE!

**To Miss FLORENCE UNDERWOOD, Secretary, Women's Freedom League.**

DEAR MADAM,—I congratulate you on your spirited reply to the Dean of Westminster's attack on the "modern girl." I myself am somewhat tired of these one-sex fulminations from reverend clerics, and why they do not include "modern boys" in their strictures baffles commonsense. It is a preacher's duty to raise on high the one great standard life for all to follow. It is pathetic when they forget this and descend to carping and silly frivolities.

JOHN BULL.

**To Mr. FREDERICK SPENCER, Link Top, Malvern.**

DEAR SIR,—Known to your neighbours as "Blind Fred," you set an example of sturdy independence to all men blessed with eyesight. For many years, in all weathers, armed with only a stick, you have found your way around the hills of Malvern, selling newspapers. The fact that you make a fair living is accounted for by your toil, which begins at 4.30 a.m. and does not finish until bedtime. You're a bright, happy old man, deserving all the good will and respect you get.

JOHN BULL.

**To Mr. D. H. WATSON, Wilmington Square, Clerkenwell.**

DEAR SIR,—I must congratulate you on the result of the great Civil Service examination, in which you came out on top, beating 19,417 other candidates. This success is all the more remarkable because before the war, in which you served throughout with the 5th Royal Scots, you were in business as a photographic art reproducer. Added to this you are forty-eight years of age, married, and merely joined the Statistical Department of the Ministry of Pensions on demobilisation as a temporary Civil servant. I hope your future will be brilliant.

JOHN BULL.

**To Mrs. PARSONS, Selby Abbey School.**

DEAR MADAM,—As the wife of the headmaster you saw the school football team left to itself and took up its training. Since you interested yourself in it the team has played fifteen league games and won all of them, scoring a total of ninety goals against eight by their opponents. Two of your lads, after one season's training, are in the county team, and in the semi-final of the Deighton Shield. In the shield competition they have never before passed the first round. This seems a pretty complete answer to those fools who maintain that a woman's only effect on boys is to teach them namby-pambyism.

JOHN BULL.

## Straight from the Shoulder

LORD IRWIN:—"With politics, as with bootlaces, patience alone will untie knots."

*Quite wrong. Patience without skill often ties a bigger knot.*

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MR. JACK JONES, M.P.:—"I stand for the right to be lazy."

*And there you put the secret of inefficiency in a nutshell.*

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MR. W. A. APPLETON:—"Trade unionism will adapt itself to any new circumstances which arise."

*Then, for heaven's sake, why doesn't it adapt itself to end the housing shortage?*

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LADY BENNETT:—"The tender childhood of peace must be watched."

*It will be, if peace is ever born.*

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MR. MIDDLETON MURRAY:—"The modern trouble is not to accept a theology, but to believe in God."

*That trouble will vanish when Christians who claim to represent God act like Christians.*

*Without Fear or Favour*—*by The Editor*

# AN OUTRAGEOUS LIE

## The Devil's Recovery

IT is not easy to keep pace with the swift developments of the European crisis. The wiser plan is to ignore momentary sensations, and tighten our grip upon those saving principles which passion and prejudice are threatening to destroy.

"When the Devil was sick, the Devil a saint would be." In 1919, statesmen surfeited of war put their signatures to the Covenant of the League of Nations, on the understanding that thenceforth the Allied Powers were to act as trustees of the world's peace.

No more was secret diplomacy to be allowed to move nations like pieces on a chess-board, regardless of the people's will.

The war-weary world breathed a sigh of relief. It seemed as if a Christian era had really dawned.

The first step towards disillusionment was the defection of the United States, an apparent breach of faith which, by a sad irony, is in process of being justified.

America refused to come in because she feared that the League of Nations would before long become the cockpit of European dissensions, a seed-plot of future wars. In the light of recent events it is not as easy as we should like to say with confidence that the American Senate was wrong in refusing to ratify the Treaty of Versailles.

Once again Europe is at the parting of the ways. If we can recapture the Locarno spirit, substituting reason for recrimination, all may yet be well.

The wise plan would be to summon a conference of the Great Powers, including Germany, to give permanent form and shape to the Council of the League of Nations. It is worth while making one last determined bid for sanity. The alternative is hell.

## They Win!

THE Chancellor's Budget proposals are still secrets known only to himself and the Treasury, but there seems to be little doubt that a feverish search for new taxes has been in progress.

In our view, any thought of new taxes is, in point of fact, a confession of failure. It shouts aloud that the Chancellor has been unable to control the expenditure and extravagance of Whitehall.

There is only one way in which a sound Budget can be produced, and that is to insist that public expenditure is rigidly limited by the depth of the public purse.

Year by year the great spending departments are ordered to economise: year by year a flustered Chancellor of the Exchequer finds how helpless he is before the inflexible determination of the Whitehall mandarins to do as they please.

There is enough "luxury" spending in Whitehall to warrant more than a mild reproof from a business-like Chancellor, and enough possibilities of real economy substantially to relieve the taxpayer instead of making further impositions on him

## Playing with Starvation

***"IN all the history of human tragedy there is no more tragic figure than that of the young able-bodied skilled workman, with wife and children dependent upon him, asking for work and yet unable to get it."—A. Duff Cooper, M.P.***

THE Minister of Labour is playing with the flesh and blood of the distressed and unemployed people of this country.

The fault is not altogether his: the Treasury, at the instigation of Winston Churchill, is demanding economy. The Chancellor must have a favourable balance in his Budget, and the victims of poverty and unemployment must make the sacrifice.

*The Rt. Hon. Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland, M.P., Minister of Labour*

There is a lot of talk in Parliament about "the decline in unemployment." Let us see on what it is based.

In February, 1924, the number of unemployed on the "live" register was roughly 1,187,000; in February of this year the number was roughly 1,151,000.

The administration of unemployment benefit to-day is unquestionably harsher than it was in 1924, and we assert that there is, in all probability, not a single person less unemployed to-day than in 1924.

"It is quite wrong," said Mr. Tom Shaw in the House of Commons the other day, "to assume that unemployment is the same in 1926 as it was in 1924, and that the position is no worse. It is worse by all the degeneration that follows continual poverty arising from unemployment. It is worse by the continual tightening of the belt."

"To me," said another speaker, "it is not Communism that is a danger to the State. It is the fact that 1,250,000 of the most unfortunate of our people tramp day by day looking for work and are unable to find it. On that 1,250,000 perhaps another 2,000,000 depend, and, in consequence, we get a large mass of people almost in a state of desperate hopelessness."

THE Minister of Labour says "unemployment is like leprosy": the Home Secretary calls it "a nightmare." There is universal agreement that it is a national tragedy and a national danger. Yet the Rota Committees must ask each man and woman if they are "genuinely seeking work"!

Was there ever a greater farce than this? We challenge the Minister of Labour to go down to some of our industrial areas.

We wonder what his reply to the question of the committee would be—especially if he had gone without food for days and walked his boots off looking for work that does not exist?

This cruel method of sending people to look for work can be ended now. The organisation of the Labour Exchanges is such that they could tell in every district how many jobs are available.

The exchanges could have reported to them every vacant job in their locality, whereupon they could notify every man and woman on their list.

*This scheme has, we are informed, been submitted to the Ministry. We are also informed that it has been ignored. The Ministry prefers to continue the cruel practice of sending the unemployed afield on a hopeless quest.*

COULD anything be more brutally insane than the continuance of this demand that the unemployed shall be "genuinely seeking work" in a steadily contracting field of employment while at the same time the Unemployment Grants Committee issues notices to local authorities to cut down their programmes of public works?

We have a suspicion that the Government dares not adopt the scheme of tabulating the available employment in the Labour Exchanges in each district with a view to sending applicants direct to offered jobs because there would be immediately exposed to the light of day the number of workers for whom there is no hope.

## Health Insurance

OUR penny-wise and pound-foolish Treasury seems to have put the fear of Winston into the Royal Commission on Health Insurance, which has just issued its Majority and Minority Reports.

In every line of the majority recommendations we find hints of that Bedlam "economy" which, when applied to the life-saving services of the nation, is mere short-sighted stinginess.

The flaws in the National Health Insurance scheme are patent to all. The sickness benefits, for both men and women, bear no practical relation to the post-war cost of living, while "extras" like maternity benefit are on a scale so niggardly as to excite the anger of those acquainted with the struggles of the poor.

The Majority Report, however, while admitting that enlargements of benefit are "very desirable," declines to recommend any increase of expenditure.

Instead of coming out boldly and declaring that the beneficent effects of the National Health Insurance Act are being strangled for want of funds, the majority of the Commission are content with tinkering suggestions, whose main virtue is that they are cheap.

The Minority Report, signed by four of the Commissioners, is more hopeful.

Rejecting the view that improvements in the Act should be "such as can be paid for within the present financial resources of the scheme," the minority recommend an immediate increase of sickness benefit to 18s. for men and 15s. for women, and better provision for mothers.

To apply the term "extravagant" to these modest proposals is an outrage against common-sense.

## Kids to the Rescue

HARD on the heels of the earnest agitation against Communist Sunday Schools comes a blast from a diametrically opposite pole. There is a lively scheme afoot to establish throughout the Conservative and Primrose League organisations in the country a system of baby rolls.

Put briefly, according to Lady Burton Chadwick, the idea is that "every Conservative woman who gives birth to a baby shall have it politically registered, so that the children can afterwards say that they are Conservative by birth."

This is not only beating the Communists with their own stick, it is also the most certain method—for both parties—to ensure the extinguisher being applied to the political candle.

The Quakers, that religious body whose pride in the past was birthright membership, year after year now discuss the advisability of its abolition.

To be born into an organisation is no assurance of either conviction or grasp of principles. Conviction and principle are as great a need in politics as religion.

To cram all infants into one mould is an idea worthy of a Mussolini. British women who retain any vestige of pride in the liberty of the subject had better think again.

*Sir Austen Chamberlain, British Foreign Minister*

# A Master of Ineptitude

**by E. ROFFE THOMPSON**

***THE ineptitude of the British Foreign Secretary and the intrigues of his friends at Geneva have enraged the nations who entrusted them to work for peace. But their betrayal will recoil on their own heads. Whatever the diplomats may do, the people of Europe are determined that there will be no more war***

WHATEVER the outcome of the tragedy played at Geneva, one fact stands out with terrible clarity. The hopes of the people of Europe that the war had put an end to intrigue and hatred, that the common aim of statesmen was to establish peace on the basis of mutual agreement and understanding have proved to have been founded on nothing.

As I write, issues hang in the balance at Geneva that may yet shake the world as violently as did the pistol-shot that killed an Arch-Duke at Sarajevo.

It is no exaggeration to say that Europe is facing the gravest crisis in history. The very existence of European civilisation is hanging on a word.

The most serious aspect of the situation is that the final result—even if it be one of outward agreement—can scarcely affect the question.

### *The gnawing rats*

The damage has been done. The Locarno Treaty may survive, but the Locarno spirit is dead.

The League of Nations may survive, but the spirit in which the League was conceived is also dead.

The walls of its glittering edifice have crashed to the ground and the sights that have been revealed are not edifying.

Its structure is honeycombed with the dark and secret passageways of pre-war diplomacy—and the rats have not been idle.

They have been squealing and fighting and burrowing just as they always did—and they have once again brought Europe near to war.

It is an appalling thought that this has been accomplished by the active co-operation of a British Minister of the Crown.

I use the words "active co-operation" very deliberately, for let us see what part Sir Austen Chamberlain has played in this disastrous affair.

I will not withhold from him the one achievement that stands to his credit. The Locarno Pact was largely of his architecting.

### *The fatal flirtation*

By it, this country undertook to hold the balance between France and Germany, once Germany was within the League. He committed his country to an enormous risk, but the risk was worth the taking if the foundations of his building had been sound.

But see what he did, this statesman whose intellectual stupidity, arrogant obstinacy, and wilful imprudence have subjected the League of Nations and his own country to a moral shock from which they will suffer for years to come.

Even while he was building, he was undermining his own foundations. He was flirting foolishly with France. He was dallying ineptly with Italy.

He makes a public speech at Birmingham sympathising with the French attitude, and he finally goes to Geneva and misrepresents his country in the grossest manner and commits it to a policy to which he knows the entire nation is passionately opposed.

Has ever a British Foreign Minister cut a more inept and pathetic figure in the eyes of the world? For, consider the implications of his extraordinary conduct. Not a line of the Locarno Treaty could become operative until Germany was admitted to the League, and the present session at Geneva was convened in the main for the one object of securing her admission.

No one can seriously suggest that Poland, Spain, and Brazil were themselves putting forward their claims for a permanent seat on the Council of the League. They were clearly the pawns on the French diplomatic chessboard.

How far Italy's finger was in this pie it is not possible to say, but the fact of Sir Austen Chamberlain's "conversations" with Mussolini at Rapallo now assumes a sinister significance.

Looked at in the best possible light, the British Foreign Secretary has allowed himself to be used as the tool of France, and has permitted M. Briand to play with him as he wished.

### *The wounds re-opened*

He has flouted the Cabinet, ignored Parliament, and defied the country. It is inconceivable that Mr. Baldwin should allow the destinies of the country to remain in the his hands.

Let us not be under any delusions. He may or may not succeed in undoing the mischief he has caused. He can never escape the responsibility of having caused it.

Had he not tied his hands by his secret pledges and promises to France, this country would have held the deciding power at Geneva.

Instead of covering his country with contempt he could have opposed a dignified front to French intrigues and shown them to the world in their true light.

He could have used the moral power of the League to cleanse the insanitary wells of international politics.

Instead, he has bespattered his own country with the mire, and helped to reopen the wounds of Europe that years of effort were slowly healing.

If the people of this country have the least sense of their responsibility in these matters they will not rest until their lives and the lives of their children are entrusted to safer hands than these.

### *Clear them out*

Whether Germany enters the League or not has become, in a moment, of small importance beside the vital question of what the peoples of Europe are going to do about the League itself.

The statesmen and the diplomats have betrayed their peoples as they have betrayed them before, and as they will betray them again unless stopped.

The economic and political causes of war are as rife and as active to-day as they were before the League of Nations was conceived.

The League has never been a League except in name, and this sorry business has laid bare once and for all the cant and humbug of those who have been busily working for their own secret ends behind its protecting shadow.

Unless the nations of Europe transform this League of Diplomats into a true League of Peoples, it is difficult to see what hope there is of Europe escaping a speedy and final destruction.

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# The Street O

***The spending of wealth foolishly is the betrayal of a great trust. It deceives nobody, and breeds hatred and distrust***

ON a walk through Bond Street the other day I found myself looking into the shop windows with a certain anger, and a certain fear, in my mind. The anger was directed to rich people; the fear groped its way into the vast ocean of poverty-stricken London which surrounds the little island of West End extravagance.

*Lord Derby a rich man that no poor man envies*

I said to myself, "These shop-windows are an advertisement to all mankind that our rich people are childish and selfish. They are childish because these expensive gewgaws give them happiness; and they are selfish because to spend money on such things in a time of great depression and sharp misery is a crime against humanity."

I tried to tell myself that the manufacture, transport, and selling of such useless things gives employment to thousands of people, and that, because of all these luxury shops, money is taken out of a few pockets and spread more widely over the community, to the general advantage of the State. But such thinking died on the threshold of my mind.

"No: these rich people are excessively stupid, and also dangerously selfish," I told myself. "One day there will be a reckoning. And the historian of the revolution, if he is a wise man, will devote a chapter to the provocative effect of luxurious shop windows."

### *The workers' ambition*

This notion was hardly in my mind before I became aware of something unusual ahead of me. I looked forward, and there saw a numerous body of working men pushing their way through the dawdlers in an obvious haste to be home.

I remembered how often I had observed the same haste in clerks and shop-assistants who work in fashionable London, the same haste to get away from splendour and luxury to the quiet happiness of their suburban homes.

Where I stood was one of the most famous shops in all London. The great windows were crowded with objects of prodigal luxury, particularly with dressing-bags, open to display their gold-stoppered contents. I watched the crowd of workmen and saw that most of them took no notice at all of these glittering great windows.

### *The call of brotherhood*

Where the lady from the suburbs looked wistfully or enviously, and where the rich woman from the provinces considered whether she could really afford to buy another possession, these workmen went vigorously by, hotfoot to catch a 'bus or a train that would take them home.

There seemed to me then, and seems to me now, no manner of doubt that home plays a far more important part in the life of our nation than the excited politician will allow, or the ponderous

# Call in the Surgeon!

**by A. G. GARDINER**

***FAILURE to pay legitimate dues is robbery as well in national as in business affairs. Those who refuse to take their share in national expenditure are anarchists and traitors. Let Governments, however, see that their demands are just and right.***

*M. Briand, again Premier of France —for the ninth time*

IT pays to pay. This sounds like a truism, but there is nothing more frequently forgotten than the truth of a truism. I propose to illustrate what I mean by the present truism by contrasting what is happening in this country and in France in respect to the Budget.

In a few weeks' time Mr. Churchill will present the annual housekeeping bill of John Bull's very large family. It will be a big bill, but there is no reason to anticipate it with panic.

The latest revenue returns are excellent, and there is now every prospect that, apart from the subsidy to the coal trade, we shall finish the financial year without having run into debt and without the need of serious further taxation.

We are paying at an enormous rate for the upkeep of the State, and the weight of taxation is undoubtedly one of the causes of industrial depression.

But by paying we are keeping our head above water, we are worrying through troubles the like of which are engulfing other countries and we are avoiding internal disruption.

### *Quick-change Cabinets*

No Budget crisis threatens the Government, and though we may pull wry faces at the bitter physic which the income-tax collector compels us to take, we take it knowing that the alternative would be very much worse.

Now turn to France. M. Briand has been turned out of office, and has been put back into office again. He has gone back because there was no one else courageous enough to take his job.

France has run through the gamut of its physicians. For years, ever since the war in fact, they have come and gone with a frequency that baffles record. They chase one another across the stage with such bewildering speed that we can hardly say from day to day who is chief physician at the moment.

No one can tell what the morrow will bring forth, but all the symptoms point to catastrophe, and few people suppose that M. Briand's new structure will long survive. And after Briand—what?

### *"He who goes a-borrowing"*

And the cause of all this internal chaos, which at any moment may blaze out in revolution, is that France will not face the elementary fact that it pays to pay. The reason that her Governments fall like Aunt Sallies at a fair is that no sooner does a Minister propose to pay than he is cashiered.

It is not that France is a poor country. It is a rich country. It is certainly the richest country on the Continent of Europe to-day. Its people are well-to-do, but the State is beggared.

Why? During the war it made no attempt to pay its way by the only sound policy of taxation. Instead it borrowed, and borrowed. It borrowed from its own people; it borrowed from us.

When we could lend no more it borrowed from America; but America, being a little doubtful of its security, insisted on our backing the bills.

And even when the war was over it still lived on its borrowings. The more it borrowed the more it needed to borrow, for with every borrowing the mountain of interest due increased and the deficiency between income and revenue widened.

It is true that no interest was paid on the external borrowings. More than seven years have passed since the war and not a penny has yet been paid either to England or America in respect of the hundreds of millions which France owes.

All the interest on our loans to France has been and is being paid, *but it has been and is being paid by the British taxpayer.*

From year to year we have been fobbed off with one excuse or another. Wait till we have sacked the Ruhr, said France: then we will talk about our debts to you. But the Ruhr cupboard was, as everybody here except Lord Rothermere knew, as bare as a bone and Poincaré was sent into cold storage for having befooled his country with false hopes.

### *Debt ducks and drakes*

But, though France does not pay its foreign debts, it has to pay interest on its domestic borrowings. The British taxpayer may cry in vain for relief from the duty of paying the interest on our losses to France; but the French rentier, the class which holds the bulk of French Government stock, insists on his interest being paid.

And to meet that interest more borrowings are necessary, for every proposal to meet it by taxation is rejected.

Thus the snowball of debt grows and grows, and as it grows the financial embarrassment of the State gets worse. And meanwhile the franc falls lower. That is the penalty of not paying.

For the truth that the French overlook is that the bill has to be footed in one way or another. If you do not pay in meal you pay in malt. If you won't submit to the rough surgery of taxation in order to meet your liabilities, your credit will go and your capital will depreciate.

### *Two oranges—one franc*

The franc, instead of being worth 10d., is now worth less than 2d., and if the present policy is continued it may only be worth a penny. But the rentier goes on believing that by some miracle it will again become worth 10d., and no French statesman has had the courage to say this to him:

"You have refused to be taxed; you have insisted on the country living on loans. You have lent where you ought to have given. The result is your credit is low and your franc has lost its value. You have made your bed: you must lie on it.

"You have broken the law that it pays to pay, and you are punished by the loss of your capital. Learn the lesson and you can still be prosperous, for though the State is poor you are rich.

"There are two things to do. First, you must recognise that your franc is only worth one-fifth of what it used to be, and you must stabilise it at that. This will wipe out four-fifths of your internal debt. Then you must agree to such taxation as will enable the country to pay its way and pay its debts."

Until a French statesman arises who will say this, and until France accepts this, that great country will continue to swirl to Niagara.

# of Vulgarity

**by "A GENTLEMAN WITH A DUSTER"**

writer on political economy understands.

I do not believe that our poor people really and truly envy our rich people. I believe that they know by instinct that money does not make happiness, that excitement is a bad "stayer," that extravagance is stupid, and that the best thing in the world is a man's home.

It is impossible, of course, that our poor people should respect our rich people; for the very same good sense which protects them from envying those rich people, prevents them from respecting a dressed-up mob so childish and so unreal.

The nation would be far stronger, safer and healthier, of course, if the rich behaved in a manner which won the respect and affection of the other classes, if they were more intelligent in their pleasures, and far more sympathetic in their attitude towards the sorrow and suffering of their fellow-countrymen.

### *Our national strength*

But I am convinced that the unenvious character of the poorer classes thinking about rich people is an element of enormous strength in our national evolution, and a fact of which we do not sufficiently take account.

There was once a sensible man who said that he never felt so rich as when he was passing through a street of fashionable shops. "I look into all those fine windows," he said, "and tell myself, *I can do without all this.*"

The average workman is not, I suppose, so advanced a philosopher; and no doubt he would like to be as rich as the Duke of Westminster, and to own as many race-horses as Lord Derby, and to hunt as often as the Prince of Wales, and to see his wife as fashionably arrayed as the fine ladies of London.

Splendid good sense is the distinguishing character of the British people, and if we foster, educate, and strengthen that good sense we shall turn the corner of perilous difficulty and win our way to a comfortable and decent prosperity.

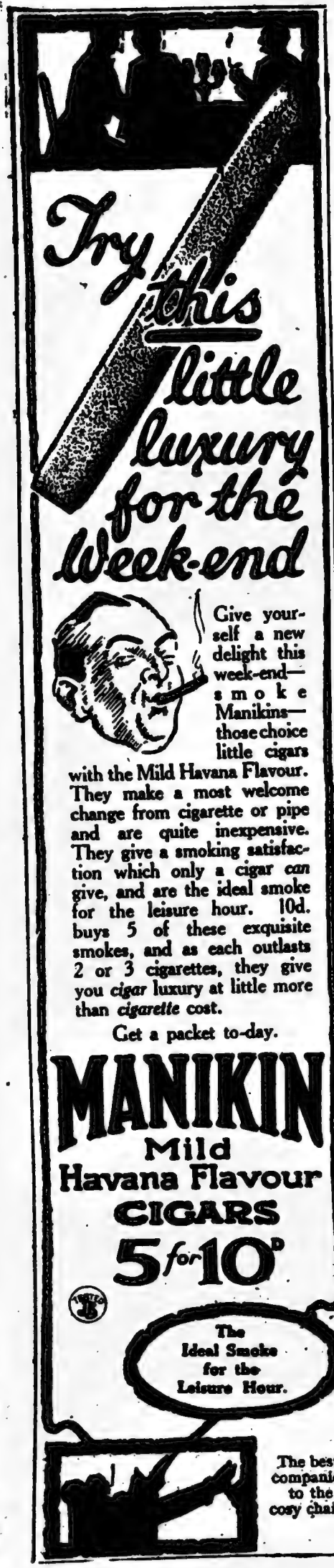
But if we take advantage of that good sense, and impose upon it, or accept it as something not worth thinking about, and encourage those silly rich people who love to flaunt their vanity and luxury in the eyes of want, then, in a moment of desperate need, we may exasperate that good sense so that its indignation makes havoc of the national existence.

I wish with all my heart that the educated classes would take a far firmer stand against the invasion of the new rich, and raise their voices in a far louder protest against the insolence and folly of these anti-social vulgarians.

### *The need of sanity*

We are in the world to help one another, and to make life greater and happier with every generation; and to suppose that we may do as we like, and that how we live matters to nobody except ourselves, is to behave like so many lunatics.

More sanity is the need of the rich, just as more courage is the need of our politicians; and if the politician and the rich would find inspiration for these great things let them go into the home life of the poor, and feel how proud a thing it is for any man to be a captain of such heroic and good-hearted legions.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# GRAVE DIVORCE SCANDAL

## BLACKMAIL MADE EASY

### Victims of the Poison Pen

ONE direction in which the Government might indulge its alleged passion for real economy would be to abolish the department of the King's Proctor with its army of Peeping Toms.

We have here a State Department which is not only wasteful of public money but is, in many respects, a real menace to society.

The office was created following the Matrimonial Causes Act of 1857, before which it was impossible to obtain a full divorce without the passing of a private Act of Parliament.

The object was to prevent collusion, and to see that no material facts in a divorce case were concealed.

Owing to the large number of divorces which followed the passing of the 1857 Act, it was impossible for the King's Proctor personally to attend to a fraction of the cases.

### *Victims of vindictiveness*

If someone, actuated by malice, lays information that one or both of the parties to a divorce are not living unblemished lives, either before the action or in the period between the granting of the decree and its being made absolute, the department of King's Proctor gets busy.

It is a matter of pot-luck whether one is or is not to be a victim. Wealthy people, having the advantage of the highest legal advice and facilities, usually succeed in evading the lynx-eyes of this department, even when there has been undoubted collusion between the parties or some other offence.

With poorer people it is different. They are at the mercy of any vindictive acquaintance.

They could not take the precaution of committing their indiscretions on the Riviera, or in some strange city where they were not likely to be recognised.

### *The husband's sacrifice*

Down pounces the King's Proctor, armed with a mass of facts collected from the town gossips, and shatters the prospect of divorce possibly as eagerly awaited by the one party as the other.

But, whether rich or poor are affected, the office is an anomaly and a disgrace, and undoubtedly ought to be abolished.

A young actor some years ago married an actress who was his senior, not so much in years as in experience of the world. They were hopelessly ill-fitted for each other.

His career since that day has been most successful, and he is now one of our best young actors. But his marriage has ended in disaster. His wife has contracted an affection for another distinguished actor.

It is not our purpose here to blame the wife. She was miserably unhappy with her husband, and she sought consolation with her lover.

The husband, when the first shock was past, thought only of his wife's happiness. He could have dragged her through the divorce courts. But he decided to sacrifice himself. He would bear the blame; he would pretend to be the guilty party; he would suffer that she might find happiness.

And so it was. The husband went with another woman to a hotel. No misconduct took place, but the drab farce was played to the end. He sent the hotel bill to his wife, and her lawyers began divorce proceedings against him.

The case received little publicity. When a man is the respondent and an unknown woman the co-respondent, there are few piquant details.

The wife received her decree, and all seemed well. Six months had to elapse before the decree could be made absolute.

*The Lord Chancellor, who, by amending our absurd divorce laws, could render the office of the King's Proctor unnecessary*

In that interval a terrible thing happened. An angry woman sent an anonymous letter to the King's Proctor, alleging that the decree had been secured by collusion, and that the wife, not the husband, was really the guilty party.

His department made secret enquiries and found that the charges were true. The wife was, in fact, already living with the other man, whom she was going to marry as soon as the decree was made absolute.

The husband, on the other hand, was alone, trying to forget his domestic sorrow in hard work.

The department of King's Proctor lay low and said nothing. It was waiting till the decree came before the courts again to be made absolute. Then it intervened.

The judge was forced to admit the King's Proctor's claim that the decree had been obtained by collusion. He therefore rescinded the decree.

### *Stabbed by a pen*

The unhappy couple are now tied more closely than ever in the eyes of the law. *Neither can divorce the other.* Innocent husband and guilty wife are caught equally in the net.

Before the wife's action the husband could have divorced her; now he cannot, for he has confessed to misconduct which never happened.

There is just a chance that he might, by throwing himself on the mercy of the court, receive a decree. Faint hope, indeed, after what has passed!

The wife cannot again obtain a decree, for she has lived, and is living, with another man.

All this because of an anonymous letter! The rest of us throw anonymous letters unread into the waste-paper basket. Not so the King's Proctor. They are the basis of a large part of his work.

We say without hesitation that three-fourths at least of the undefended divorce cases which come every year before the courts are collusive.

Does the King's Proctor interfere in all of them? He does not. Unless he is requested to act by the Court he waits for an anonymous letter! A fine rôle for an official whose position derives from the old canon law!

There was a case last year when a titled woman paid her husband £750 to allow her to divorce him. Moreover, she hired a woman to pass the night with him and engaged the hotel room where the "misconduct" took place. She received her decree.

In the interval before it was made absolute the ex-husband demanded from her a further sum of money, threatening otherwise anonymously to inform the King's Proctor of what had happened. The wife had to pay.

Thanks to the existence of the King's Proctor, his attempt at blackmail was wholly successful.

### *A Damning Indictment*

This article is not intended as an argument for or against freer divorce. We are only showing, from examples that have come under our immediate notice, that the King's Proctor's office is an outworn institution—unjust, inefficient, expensive and un-English.

It is *unjust* because its intervention punishes the innocent more severely than the guilty.

It is *inefficient* because it intervenes in only a small proportion of collusive divorce cases, and then only when its attention is attracted by communications from outside.

It is *expensive* because it costs anything up to or beyond £100,000 a year. Every case in which it intervenes represents an average outlay of the taxpayers' money of nearly £1,500.

We do not want to pay these sums nowadays to have other people's divorces rescinded and the parties to them made more unhappy than they already are.

It is *un-English* because it allows anonymous letters to weigh with him; because it is a tool of blackmailers; because it represents the Pharisees—the letter, not the spirit, of the law.

Its detectives use methods of investigation that are a disgrace to a decent community. They fear nothing—except that the King's Proctor's office may cease to exist.

And that is exactly what ought to happen! The sooner, the better!

# HISTORY'S BIGGEST SWINDLE

## INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE SECRETS EXPOSED

### Agents' Amazing Confessions

OUR announcement of a week ago that we intend to take practical steps to fight the battle of the public against the monstrous iniquity of industrial assurance has met with an overwhelming response.

Great stacks of letters have already reached us from the victims of what we unhesitatingly reaffirm is the biggest swindle in history.

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#### "*Financial devils*"

Here is one of their letters:

"As an insurance agent of some twenty years' service and still in the profession, I am bound to agree with every word you have said against the system. The facts are known only too well to the outdoor staffs of the companies.

"Your reference to the 'astute agent' is very true, but what can the poor chap do?

"He is buffeted and badgered by chief office, inspector's office and superintendent's office. All the time it is 'Policies, Policies, Policies! We must have increase, and we will have it!'

"He dare not sympathise with sickness and unemployment among the poor devils whose premiums he collects. His orders are to act at all times in the 'best interests of the companies,' and the orders are ruthlessly enforced. Otherwise he goes to the wall.

"There is no soul in the management of these financial devils. They can make their agents' life a perfect hell on earth."

#### *Shady methods*

Another agent says:

"Whether trade is good in the district or unemployment is widespread, my company never deviates from its demand for increase. We are harried by letters and sometimes by what amounts to threats that we must either obtain increase of business or get out.

"As often as not the methods of obtaining the new business are questionable, and absolutely against the public interest."

In view of such damning statements from the companies' own employees, it is not surprising that a delegate conference of the National Amalgamated Union of Life Assurance Workers the other day accepted the principle of nationalisation of industrial assurance.

At the same time, the reports are rather vague as to the basis upon which they intend to work. A committee appointed to consider the scheme recommended "the buying out of all the existing companies by taking over the shares, *at present market values.*"

#### *What a suggestion!*

Not if we know it! The industrial assurance companies have built up their present colossal capital and reserves on shame and trickery.

The hundreds of millions of pounds they now possess represent, not money invested at a fair risk, but the piled-up proceeds of legal robbery and exploitation.

*Mr. Hay Halkett, the Marylebone magistrate, who has called some industrial companies "thieves"*

The original capital of one concern was about £5,000. Its total assets are now over £180,000,000.

Very little of the new capital added during the years to the £5,000 came out of the pockets of the shareholders. It was mainly loot.

*This year's dividend is equivalent to* 18,000 *per cent. on the original investment!*

Now it is suggested that the nation, which has been robbed of most of that money, should buy up the companies at their own figure! The British public won't stand for this!

Let us give a few more illustrations of how the great swindle has operated, and is still operating.

In 1902, Mr. W. Butler, of Whitley Street, Bingley, insured an aunt, unknown to her, for £126 on three policies. For fourteen years he paid 6s. per week, until in 1916 he was forced by the high cost of living to discontinue his premiums.

In all he had poured into the maw of the company £194. In the ordinary way he would have been covered by the Courts (Emergency Powers) Act which prevented the lapsing of policies between August, 1914, and March, 1924. But the policy, he now discovers, was illegal and he has lost everything.

Mr. W. H. Stringer, of Coventry, insured his parents and his father-in-law in 1909. For sixteen years he never missed his payments, until, after a long illness, he was forced to lapse at the end of last year.

His arrears were £1 11s. 1d. and he was given no surrender value. Out of that poor fellow's sick-bed the company concerned made a profit of £115.

Even that type of case is mild by comparison. There was, for example, old Mrs. Towle, of Princess Street, Hull, a decent, thrifty woman who skimped and saved for thirty-five years to pay her insurance premiums on policies valued at £56, the limit she could afford.

In all, she handed over £80, until in 1921 she could pay no longer. It was the old story. The policies lapsed and she got nothing. Not long ago she died in abject penury and dire want.

What a godsend the old body's savings would have meant at the end, had she been able to draw them out of the Post Office! And the heinous thing is that, under the Courts (Emergency Powers) Act, the money was legally due to her.

As in thousands of other cases, her starvation enabled the directors and shareholders in industrial assurance to add to the collective total of their Rolls-Royces. We should have thought there was a curse on money made that way. Perhaps there is.

#### *More "appropriation"*

In the same city there is a stricken working man named Wray, who met with a serious accident in 1919 from which he has never recovered. From him the company received £56 8s. in premiums on policies now lapsed.

There are nine children in the family, which is living in extremely needy circumstances. These, too, are legitimate prey!

So is Mrs. Robinson of Wright Street, Hull, and her small brood. When times were good, Mrs. Robinson managed to pay premiums on five policies out of her housekeeping money. The policies have now lapsed, and her premiums, £57 in all, have been "appropriated."

Another woman having a bitter struggle these days to find food for a number of hungry mouths and boots for little feet is Mrs. Broom, of a north country town. Times were not always too bad, and for years she was able to pay 3s. 6d. per week on industrial assurance policies.

#### *Blood on the profits*

In 1923 came unemployment for her husband, and soon afterwards the policies lapsed, a sure symptom of want in a thrifty household. Over £50 was lost, never to be recovered. Meanwhile the kiddies may cry their hearts out for food. The industrial assurance companies will not melt.

What if the kiddies do starve, and old women die in rags, so long as a self-satisfied chairman can report to a smug assembly of the holders of these tainted shares that "*in spite of*" abnormal trade depression the profits continue to accumulate.

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# A NEW IDEA FOR LABOUR

**by ARNOLD F. HOLT**

***FOR working men to go on strike is utter foolishness. They and their families are the chief sufferers. Better methods are available. Labour leaders will prove they are worthy of leadership if they show their followers how to adapt them***

THERE have been many references of late, by Mr. Baldwin and others, to the way in which workers in the United States are acquiring a financial interest in the concerns which employ them.

Much of what has been, and is being, done in America, however, differs from anything which has yet developed in this country because it has only been rendered possible by a complete change in trade union philosophy and a revolution in trade union methods.

In Britain organised labour is against workers' investment in capitalistic concerns because it is out to destroy capitalism. In America organised workers are using capitalistic methods in order to become capitalists themselves and so have a share in the control of the concerns which employ them.

This is, however, a quite recent development. Throughout its history the American Federation of Labour has had no policy with regard to the control of industry, and no use for separate political action on the part of organised labour.

The leaders, therefore, put their trust, not in political action, but in economic action in the workshops, factories and mines.

## *A searching question*

To secure anything from the employers or to resist any attack by the employers they trusted entirely to the methods of the strike, the boycott and picketing, with the result that the industrial history of the United States is one long story of strikes and lock-outs.

During the last few years, however, the workers have begun to ask themselves what compensation they have ever received for the hardships and money loss the strike weapon has inflicted.

True, they secured increases at times, through a strike, but the wage increases were, as a rule, swallowed up by the cost-of-living increases which followed.

They began to demand new methods to replace the costly and misery-creating methods of the strike and the boycott.

The development of this demand can perhaps be best illustrated by the story of the strike, in 1910, of employees of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company.

## *The better weapon*

I will give the strikers' own words as published ten years later in the *Public Ledger*: "For ten long weeks we held the city in a reign of terror, a rotten piece of work, hellishly conceived, and devilishly executed. . . . Day after day and night after night we smashed and destroyed, shot and assaulted, waylaid and intimidated."

At the end of ten weeks both sides were exhausted. A truce was arranged; a peace patched up. The men went back to work. They had lost their wages. Their union had lost $2,000,000.

The men had had enough of strikes. They determined to replace the strike weapon by a new one—that of investment, which would at least show a cash return.

In 1922 they went into the open market and, through their Welfare Association, bought shares to the value of $240,000. In 1923 they bought additional shares to the value of $1,650,000. They are continuing to buy.

They have two representatives on the board of directors, and when, as will probably happen before long, the workers hold a majority of the shares the directors will be responsible to the employees and not to a scattered body of absentee owners whose only interest is the receipt of dividends.

The investment method will have gained the men a majority interest in the company that the strike method nearly wrecked.

## *All loss; no gain*

This admirable instance of organising for investment with a view to control instead of organising for a strike is along the lines suggested by Otto H. Kahn, the New York banker, when he said in "Pressing Problems," during the strike epidemic which raged in the United States after the war:

"The labour unions in this country claim a membership of 4,500,000. If every man laid aside $1 a week the available sum at the end of one year would amount to $234,000,000. That is a pretty tidy sum to start business with in various lines."

It has developed in many directions. In 1920 there were strikes of ship-repairers in two districts in the United States. One was at Norfolk, the other Philadelphia. The latter cost the Machinists' Union $275,000. The men lost their wages, and nothing was gained.

In Norfolk, however, the Machinists' Union, by an investment of their funds, gained control of one of the ship-repairing concerns involved, and not only kept their own men at work but found employment for strikers from the other yards.

## *Waste of money and energy*

The investment the union made took a less sum than would have been paid out in strike pay if the investment had not been made, and the union now has the splendid Hampton Roads Ship Repair Corporation to show for its money.

In 1922 a miners' strike began in America. Promptly a railway union, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, bought a 6,000-acre coalfield with six mines in operation.

They installed the latest machinery and power plants, built bungalows for the miners as well as a church, schools and theatre. The miners, on their part, went to work with a will and reduced production costs by breaking the output record.

Two years ago, E. D. Nolan, vice-president of the Machinists' Union, said, in a message to his members:

"Thinking members realise the enormous waste of reserve funds and energy in handling strikes directed solely to securing a higher wage, and then, later, more strikes to resist a reduction of wages. This policy has run its course."

Many trade union leaders in England say the same, but have little else to say. In the United States the various unions are covering the country with a network of labour banks.

The National Bank of Cleveland, opened by the Locomotive Engineers, has seen its assets grow from under $1,000,000 in 1920 to nearly $30,000,000 in 1924.

Many other unions have formed banks, or have bought shares in established banks in order to secure control, as the Machinists' Union did with the powerful commercial National Bank, and one of the railway unions with the Empire Trust Company, a bank with resources of over $50,000,000.

This new development of the organised

*Mr. Arnold F. Holt*

workers is more important than appears on the face of it. An ordinary bank, when lending money, is only concerned with two things, security and interest.

The labour bank is equally insistent on security and interest, but it only lends for the purpose of helping production of essential goods.

However good the security, it would not lend money, say, to a man who wished to speculate in rubber shares, but it would finance a man who desired to buy rubber for manufacturing purposes if the conditions under which the man's employees worked were fair.

It would finance a wholesaler or a retailer who wished to buy essential goods, but only on condition that they were resold as quickly as possible at the lowest price consistent with a reasonable profit.

Every loan made by a labour bank, therefore, helps the worker by increasing production, and insisting on fair conditions of employment.

I have left myself no space to deal with co-partnership schemes as we know them, which are very common in the States. Many of the biggest corporations buy blocks of their own shares every year and offer them to their employees, payment to be made in instalments.

In the case of the United Steel Corporation payment is spread over three years, and, besides dividend, an annual bonus of $5 is paid to each employé who keeps his shares for five years.

## *Striking examples*

In 1919 the great steel strike cost the unions concerned over $1,000,000 and cost the strikers in loss of wages $112,000,000. By 1923 the employees of the corporation had purchased shares round about $50,000,000 in value and had set their feet on the way that leads to control.

Apart from the co-partnership schemes, which are initiated by the employers, the instances I have given show, I think, that the leaders of organised labour in America are turning their minds away from a policy which has resulted too often in destruction and towards a policy of construction.

They give some indication of what a powerful instrument for the good of the workers the wealth of the workers might be made, rightly mobilised, organised and directed.

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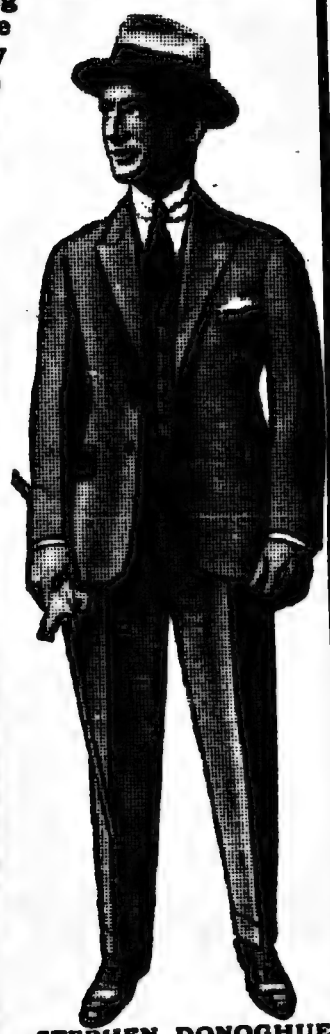

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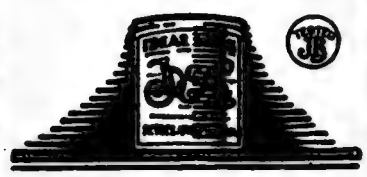


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## DOCTOR'S STARTLING REPORT

### Scandalous Conditions in Bakeries

DURING the hearing of a case under the Workmen's Compensation Act, at Gateshead County Court recently, his Honour Judge Greenwell remarked: "It would be very interesting to know what happened to people who ate the bread which caused this man to have baker's dermatitis."

What new menace to health and digestion does dermatitis portend? It is a skin disease, not confined to operative bakers.

Before the war, the number of bakers attacked was comparatively small; during and since the war, however, the disease has spread amongst this class to an alarming extent.

Before the war the cases were so few that the disease was not scheduled as an industrial disease; to-day there are ten times as many.

Once attacked, a victim is liable to a recurrence of the disease. Nearly 50 per cent. of a number of test cases were found to be relapses, and insurance companies refuse to reinsure cases that have recovered.

### *Disgusting and horrible*

A skilled operative who loses his job is usually compelled to seek work at much less remunerative occupations. Little wonder, then, that there is concealment of the symptoms.

Dr. Allan C. Parsons, Medical Officer, Ministry of Health, in a report on the disease, states that "Some of the patients whom I saw at Liverpool should not have been employed in the preparation of food, so morbid was the state of their hands and arms."

Again, he remarks, "The nonchalance with which some bakers were plying their trade with arms extensively affected with a wet dermatitis was certainly disconcerting, to say the least of it."

The public will agree that Dr. Parsons did indeed say the least of it when he described this disgusting and horrible condition of things as merely disconcerting.

### *Well-baked filth*

But perhaps he is of the same opinion as a witness in the case quoted above, who said that he understood "that the germs which attack the arms are not effective in the stomach; they are killed by the acids in the stomach."

If this principle were established we might eat any kind of filth, so long as it was well baked.

The result of Dr. Parsons' investigation was of the "reassuring" character to which we are accustomed by optimistic authorities.

That dermatitis has been more prevalent amongst bakers is undeniable, but the suggestion is made that the form of the disease which accounts for the increase is not the true occupational dermatitis of bakers, but a dermatitis which may happen to anybody.

This may be so, but in the opinion of bread-eaters the distinction will not be accepted as an excuse for the abominable conditions described in the report.

There are 40,000 bakeries in England and Wales, and in 30,000 of these the dough is still mixed by hand. Think of it!

As to the cause of dermatitis amongst bakers, the report of Dr. Parsons is inconclusive. During the war, the operatives attributed the growth of the disease to Chinese flour and other low-grade materials.

To-day, however, opinion is unanimous that the disease is caused by the bleaching powders and other chemical "improvers" added to flour by the millers.

Dr. Parsons disagrees with this view on the ground that dermatitis does not attack millers, but millers don't mix dough, and the report shows that the majority of cases occur where the dough is mixed by hand.

### *Let the truth be known*

That lack of cleanliness may be a contributory factor all parties are agreed. At present, conditions are in many bakeries primitive and disgusting.

The operatives are also pressing their suggestion that millers should be compelled to declare what they put into flour. In this the public will support them.

No means of tracking this horrible disease to its source should be left untried. If flour "bleachers" are innocent, no harm will be done. If they are guilty the sooner we know the better.

# EMIGRANTS AS SLAVES

## BOYS COMMIT SUICIDE

### Enterprising Agent's Fairy Tales

IN scanning the "Wanted" columns of the London daily Press, it is the exception not to come across an advertisement inviting boys and youths to emigrate to Australia and New Zealand as farm-workers.

Excellent prospects are held out to these lads, and as distant fields proverbially look green they naturally imagine themselves in a few years' time wealthy pastoralists and prosperous farmers.

This illusion is preserved by the numerous Imperial and Dominion emigration propagandists, who whenever an opportunity presents itself prate loudly of the "wonderful potentialities of the great island continent with its vast open spaces."

The cold, unromantic truth is that at present there is no place on the land for thousands of Australian born, leave alone for emigrants.

The British boys who have arrived, and are still arriving, in Australia, are looked upon by the vast majority of Australians, not as prospective settlers, but as cheap boy labour for Australian farmers.

### *Hidden slavery*

The Barwell boy scheme which was hailed by its supporters as a statesmanlike effort to settle young Britons in South Australia, soon turned out to be nothing more than a system of indentured child labour.

When two or three of the boys committed suicide public opinion was aroused against the scheme, and when the Barwell Government was defeated at the State elections, one of the first acts of the incoming Government was to suspend its operation.

The whole crux of the emigration question, as far as Australia is concerned, hinges on land settlement. This does not mean the opening up of fresh land so much as making available for closer settlement land already connected up by roads and railways.

Within easy reach of the capital cities of every State there are large blocks of land now used as pastoral runs which are capable of sub-division. These were acquired in the early days of colonisation as free grants or as leaseholds at peppercorn rentals.

### *Officers' sad plight*

In many cases their owners are doing nothing to develop them, but are living luxuriously in the city on the returns from the wool and mutton grown upon them.

In consequence of this uneven distribution of settled land, new settlers have to go into the virgin bush beyond good roads and miles from railways and markets, and carve out homes for themselves.

They may succeed after years of arduous toil and solitude, but sometimes they are compelled to desert their holdings after bringing them into cultivation, and a few years later a land company or a big pastoralist takes it over.

A few years ago a number of Indian officers were persuaded to emigrate to Victoria under a land scheme backed by the State Government. They sank all their money, including their pensions of £300 a year for three years.

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The value of the land and its appointments had been grossly misrepresented to them by the enterprising agent of an Australian land company who went to India and painted the usual picture of country life in Australia.

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### *Heavy work, light wages*

It is merely echoing a platitude to say that Australia's "vast empty spaces" must be filled, but until a better system of land settlement is evolved there is no room for large bodies of emigrants.

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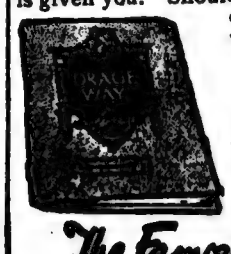


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# THE BLIND ANGEL

## The Idol of the Ward

*by* PHILIP INMAN

A FEW days ago a parcel came addressed to me at my hospital. In it was a large, life-like doll, and attached to it was a card, which said: "To help a suffering child to forget her pain; from a reader of 'In Sunshine Ward.'"

The kindness of this unknown donor placed me in a quandary. There are more than thirty children in the ward, and it was not easy to say which one should be the lucky recipient. The problem was solved by the kiddies themselves.

The doll was held up, and they were asked to say who should have it. At first there were loud and excited cries and then, suddenly, there fell upon that place a great silence.

Out of the stillness there came the plea of a little girl. Instantly, others took up the call, and soon the entire ward was ringing with, "Give it to Meggie! Give it to Meggie!"

That experience will remain with me as a precious memory for many a day. Here were thirty little fragments of humanity; many of them diseased, and most of them in pain, and yet they readily gave up any claim they had to one whose affliction was greater than theirs.

Now, who is Meggie? She occupies bed No. 7 in that ward, and to one who knows the significance of that number, a stab of poignancy darts through the heart. In the eyes of medical science she is a failure; she has undergone three operations and nothing more can be done for her.

There she lies—a helpless and hopeless case. There are other minor infirmities, but the greatest affliction is that she will for ever be blind. But it is not only the tragedy of her lot that has made her the idol of that ward.

Twelve years of age, she has the disposition of an angel. Everybody loves her, and no wonder. Happiness radiates from her, and her influence upon her fellow-sufferers is wonderful to behold.

The upbringing and environment of the child may have something to do with it. Two years ago, her mother died in giving birth to a baby girl, and she left behind her eight other children of which Meggie was the eldest.

Twelve months later, her father remarried, a young girl of twenty, and just six months ago, this man himself died.

Many people to-day have bitter things to say about step-relationships. I wish they could see that young girl-mother of twenty-one and Meggie together.

There is a pathetically beautiful understanding between them. Every day that step-mother goes out to work and by sheer persistence she has managed to keep her little home going. Every night she never fails to visit her "sightless bairn."

I shall not easily forget the scene in that ward when it was known that the final operation was unsuccessful.

"Never mind, Meggie," said this brave-hearted little woman, "you'll always have me, for I'll never leave you." A wonderful smile revealed the child's gratitude.

These two were together when the doll was handed to the child. Tenderly she fondled it and asked innumerable questions about its dress and hair and eyes. Then for a few minutes she remained perfectly quiet, as though thinking deeply.

At last she spoke, and her voice had in it a strange appeal: "Can Mum take it to my little sisters? They have never seen one like this, and they would love it."

Yesterday, Meggie was discharged from the hospital. Just before she left, she put her arms round the nurse, and said, "I shan't ever forget you, and when I am better I shall send some flowers for you."

No wonder Meggie is such a favourite.

*The Sentence of the Court*

# Sunday Bellowdrama

## George and his Dragons

WHEN charged with Sunday trading, George Lansbury, timber merchant, orator, philanthropist, editor, and M.P., smote his palm, struck an attitude, poured forth a cataract of words and would have overwhelmed the court with a torrent of bathos had not the judge intervened and directed that the prisoner's speech be "taken as 'read'" and a plea of "Not guilty" entered.

"The charge," said Mr. Watchdog, K.C., "arises out of a demonstration at the Albert Hall, held on a recent Sunday. A number of presumably earnest people were lured to the hall by the hope of hearing a serious exposition of Labour policy.

"Having got them there, the accused, who must be perfectly familiar with the law relating to Sunday trading, proceeded to sell them a pup, by treating them to an outburst of blither, worthy of the British Fascisti in their most bloodthirsty moments.

"Those present were solemnly invited by the accused to repeat after him: 'We call upon all soldiers, sailors, airmen to refuse, in any circumstances, to shoot down the workers of Britain.'

"Some of those present, having evidently mislaid their sense of humour, perpetrated this Georgian chant with all the solemnity of mourners at a Lansburial service.

"If there was any serious danger of members of the forces being called upon to shoot down the workers of Wigan or the toilers of Tottenham Court Road my own protest would take a more drastic form than the delivering of a recitation at the Albert Hall, but only persons suffering from blood specks before the eyes are able to envisage such grim happenings.

"Meanwhile, the reckless loquacity of a Lansbury may do as much harm as the nonsense of a Northumberland or the maunderings of a Mussolini."

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Mr. Strawsplitter argued that his client had been guilty of nothing worse than providing melodrama for the multitude. He also urged that the prisoner's youth should be taken into consideration. Notwithstanding his grey hairs and his newly acquired dignity, as an occupant of the Front Opposition Bench, Mr. Lansbury was the Peter Pan of politics—a Boy who Wouldn't Grow Up.

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"I believe that the prisoner means well even in his most ferocious moments," said Mr. Justice Bull, "but I wish he would not mix bellowdrama with his benevolence. His heart may be in the right place, but his foot is too often in his mouth.

"While so many real evils require to be grappled with, it is distressing to see this youthful Stunt George fighting non-existent dragons.

"Calling upon soldiers and sailors to refuse to shed blood which nobody is likely to ask them to shed is as sensible as calling upon clergymen to refuse to preach in favour of polygamy should the Archbishop of Canterbury order them to do so.

"Oratory which finds its inspiration in hypothetical slaughter and imaginary revolutions is worthy only of B. F.'s, and I must direct that the prisoner be removed from the Front Bench and compelled to take a back seat until he realises this."

## *Cartoonettes and Topical Jingles*

*by* FRANK HOLLAND

Those listening-in to all this din
Will hardly think these screeches
So much increase the chances of peace
As foster further breeches.

Tho' all the Press his frauds suppress,
Yet one shall be defiant,
And sword in hand will take his stand
To fight the greedy giant!

It shows to what a state we've got—
Or else how mean the age is—
When men who toil on British soil
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*Words Winged to Women*

# A FREE PASSAGE HOME

## Colonise Britain Too!

*by* **MABEL HORNER**

QUITE recently working women have been considering the present Dominion of Canada Land Settlement Scheme. The Standing Joint Committee of Industrial Women's Organisations, which represent over a million working women, has considered two questions, and embodied its well-considered answers in a report.

The questions were these: First, Is emigration worth while from the workers' point of view? Secondly, Could not the schemes of land settlement fostered by the authorities be carried out with even more satisfactory results in this country?

The Dominion scheme has only been in operation since the early part of 1925, too short a time to speak with certainty of its success or failure. About 500 families have gone to Canada under the scheme, and of these, so far, 425 have expressed themselves as satisfied.

Large families, *with farming experience*, are preferred. Some portion of the travelling expenses, some household goods, and a minimum of £25 on arrival is needed by those who go out.

The critics are not far out when they object that at least between £100 or £200 is needed if a family is to succeed without experiencing very real suffering and hardship.

### *The wife's hard life*

During the first year the wife is expected to look after the children, start her dairy, vegetable garden and poultry. Meanwhile her menfolk are employed on other farms, their wages being from twenty-five to thirty dollars per month at first, with food. From this sum they must keep the wife and her young children.

It will be seen how, in the best of conditions, a heavy early burden must be borne. Canada offers unrivalled opportunities for single women able to face hard work.

Almost certainly such women will presently have good offers of a home of their own. For young people willing to wait there is also the call.

It would be foolish to decry emigration as such. These working women, who have so fully considered the matter, do not do it. But they do ask why the same sort of assistance as is given to emigrants going to Canada should not be offered to those willing and able to work the land in our own country.

And every woman with the welfare of the country and the country's children at heart should ask herself the same question. She should inform herself of the terrible facts of land starvation and land monopoly in this country, and then get a move on to see it altered.

### *Startling statistics*

Sir Walter Gilbey has given figures which he wishes to see emphasised. They bear on this aspect of the problem, so are repeated here.

In 1918 there were 12,309,000 acres of land under cultivation of cereals in England and Wales; in 1922 these acres of food-growing land had dwindled to 11,310,515, and in 1925 to 10,680,000, and they are still vanishing.

For wheat the record is still more dismal. In 1918 we had 2,557,000 acres of land growing wheat; in 1925, these smiling fields of corn had dropped down to 1,499,000 acres.

Owing to unbearable taxation and bad land laws, instead of growing more bread, more food-stuffs of every kind, we grow less and less. The people want the land, but why should they not want it in their own country?

I have any number of letters from women who long to live, with their little families, wholesomely on the land. Why not? And why not here? The answer

*Sir Walter Gilbey*

lies in that dread word of all reformers since the world began—apathy.

We are not eager enough. We do not inform ourselves. We think that somewhere, out of sight, across the ocean lie fair smiling lands that are waiting for cultivation.

### *A pleasing vision*

We think that on some other shore there may arise the pleasant little homestead in the sunshine where children may grow happy and strong on God's fresh air.

We see a vision of men, bronzed and healthy, working on good honest tasks that bring grist to the mill and food to the board. It is a good vision.

But there is not the slightest reason, except the stupidity of *men and women*, why it should not be realised and made true *here*.

# Women's Doss-House Horrors

*by* **MRS. CECIL CHESTERTON**

THERE are some 15,000 homeless women in London with no bed. They sleep under arches and in the doorways of back streets. Others put up at doss-houses where, for a few pence, they can get some sort of a shake-down.

The remainder are catered for by public lodging-houses, of which there are some forty-nine, all licensed by the London County Council. Twelve of these are run by various religious bodies. With these latter, however, this article is not concerned. Generally speaking, they are clean and decently sanitated.

The public lodging-houses for women run by private enterprise are scattered throughout London. There are a fair number in the south-east district and in the northern. The centre is badly provided for and is served by one lodging-house in the neighbourhood of Holborn.

THE current rate for a bed is 1s. 2d. per night. The beds are from six to eight in a room, and all money is payable in advance. I have visited a number of these places, all of which are supposed to be inspected by the L.C.C. Let me describe a typical house.

There is generally a kitchen or common sitting-room which is well warmed and furnished with deal benches. Clients begin to arrive about ten o'clock and continue till the early hours.

The kitchen is clean and the floors of the bedrooms are clean also. It is when we come to the beds that we find a state of things which should not be tolerated.

In one particular lodging-house I found the majority of the mattresses in a condition liable to transmit disease. The bolster and pillow are without covering.

The sheets and blankets are so short that either shoulders or feet are miserably cold. Moreover, the sheets are not changed for each fresh occupant, but continue in use until their hue is more than dingy.

THE accommodation for washing is of the crudest and most elementary kind. It should be noted that men's lodging-houses—these are run under L.C.C. auspices—are furnished with good bath-rooms, which have a constant supply of hot and cold water.

The place I have in mind offers a scullery—to reach which you must cross a courtyard—furnished with tin basins and cold water only.

When we remember that many of these women have been walking about all day, and perhaps the previous night, without any opportunity to wash or remove their clothes, it will be seen how essential it is that washing accommodation, with plenty of hot water, should be available.

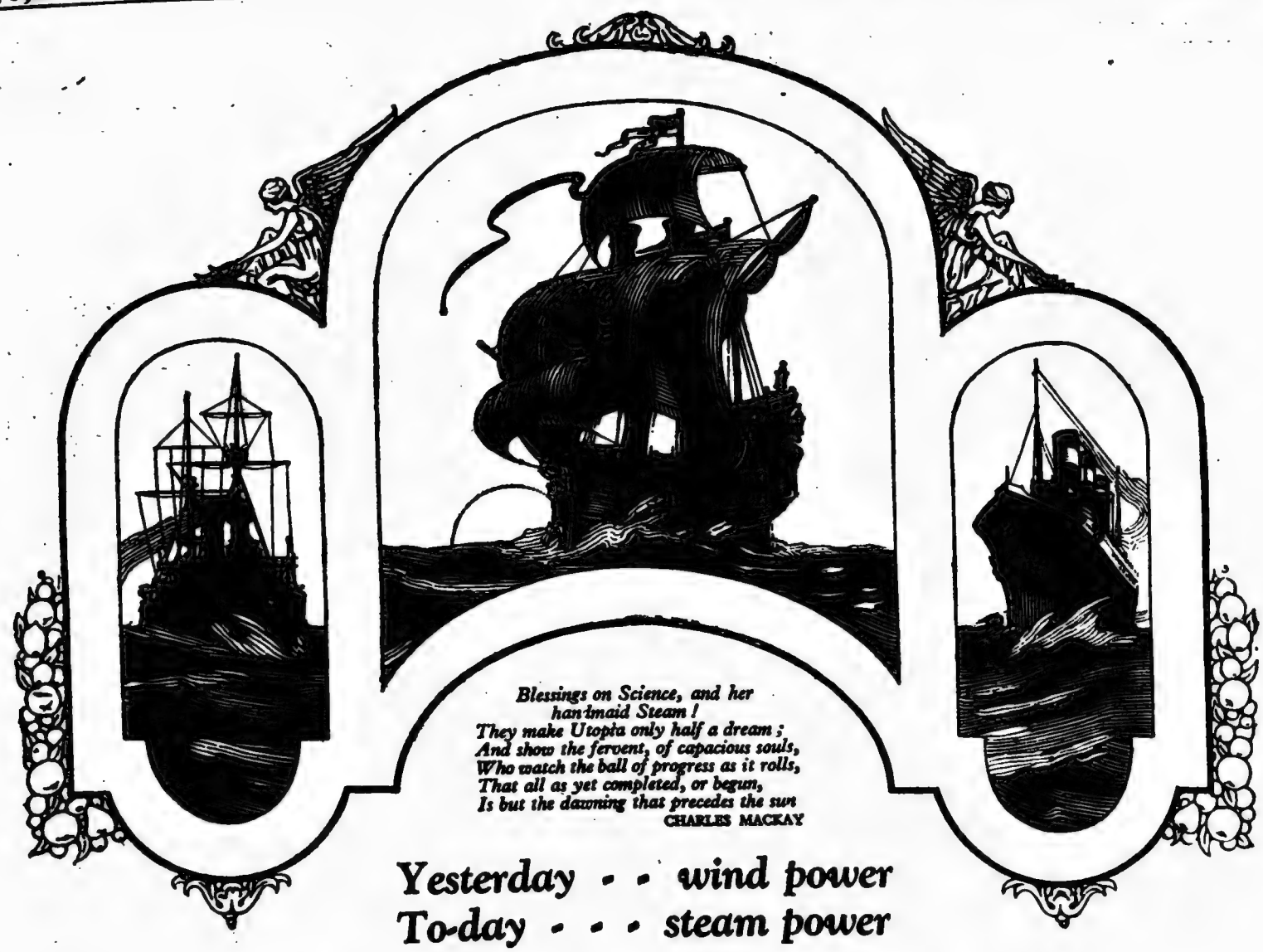
The fashion of shingling has not yet spread to the homeless, and even bobbed heads need attention. But these unhappy women cannot clean their heads. They come out of their beds fully dressed, and there is no place where they can conduct a due investigation of their hair.

The garments women wear are more prone to pick up germs and dirt than those of masculine attire. Why, then, is it that men's public lodging-houses have ample lavatory accommodation while women for the most part are restricted to a hand basin?

It may be that the L.C.C. regulations demand a nightly change of bedlinen. All I can say is that this is not enforced. Some of the mattresses which I have slept on were so stained that they would not be allowed in any prison or workhouse.

WHILE a proportion of the homeless are incapable of steady work, I have met women who earn a fair wage by charing, office cleaning, etc., in the same position. Before the war they rented their own room and kept themselves in decency and comfort. The housing famine has thrown them into the street.

They are forced, therefore, to the common lodging-house where, with all the instincts of personal respect, they are compelled to sleep in a filthy bed without any means of ensuring proper cleanliness.



*Blessings on Science, and her handmaid Steam!*
*They make Utopia only half a dream;*
*And show the fervent, of capacious souls,*
*Who watch the ball of progress as it rolls,*
*That all as yet completed, or begun,*
*Is but the dawning that precedes the sun*
CHARLES MACKAY

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## *To-day - - - steam power*

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# David who Slew Jonathan

## A Mother's Trial—Silly Jealousy—Bigamist's Problem

**PROBLEMS that may be yours are dealt with by "Humanist." In every case the name and address of the writer are suppressed so that the authors may not be identified. In cases that are too intimate or are not of sufficient interest to be helpful to others, correspondents must send stamped addressed envelopes if they wish to be answered by post. Ten shillings is being sent to each of the writers of the first four letters printed.**

"LIKE many other lads who left home for the first time when they joined the Army for the Great War, I was very lonely at first, but ultimately I formed a friendship like that of David and Jonathan with a young countryman of mine in the same regiment.

"We were both Irish, and when we were demobilised we joined the forces fighting for the independence of our Ireland home.

"During a short period when I was separated from my pal I was wounded, and while in hospital I fell in love with a young nurse, who promised to be my wife.

"My pal was almost as delighted as myself when I told him, but from time to time I caught him unawares looking as though he were inwardly laughing at some great joke.

"When a portion of the country accepted the establishment of the Free State, part of the army which remained recalcitrant was dispersed among different places throughout the south and west. I went to the latter and did not see my friend again for months.

"AFTERWARDS with a party I was sent to a small place in the south. In the midst of hand-to-hand fighting between the Irish Republican Army and the new Free State forces a young fellow attacked my commanding officer.

"I fired, and as the man fell, to my horror I recognised in him my old pal who had joined the Free State forces.

"It was impossible to save his life and he died in my arms, slain by my own hand. Before he died he asked me to give the personal belongings to his mother and sister, and almost with his last breath he said, 'Be good to my sister, old man. I hope you will be very happy with her.'

"IT was not until it was all over that I realised that I was engaged to marry the sister of the man I had killed. It had been his little joke to hide from me the fact that he knew of our courtship.

"Now, 'Humanist,' I am to be married at Easter, and though I have explained that her brother was killed in an ambush in which I was engaged, I have not had the courage to tell her that it was by my hand.

"I am almost distracted at times with remorse, and I wonder whether I should tell her and accept as part of my punishment the dismissal which I suppose will follow."

"HUMANIST" says: *Such tragic incidents are inevitable in all civil wars, though the knowledge that you slew your best friend must naturally be very painful to you. I see no reason, however, why you should cause the girl needless distress by telling her you killed her brother.*

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### *Mother's Child*

"WHEN I was only twenty-three I, unfortunately, got into trouble and became the mother of an illegitimate child. My brother and his wife agreed to adopt my baby boy when he was only a few days old on condition that I surrendered him entirely.

"All went well until my brother lost his wife, but when he married again someone told his second wife that the child was not really his, and for the past two years the little fellow's life has been one of endless misery.

"She punishes all his boyish pranks with absolute ferocity, so that he has become timid and fearful.

"The worst example of her cruelty is that she has taken him to the cemetery where he was accustomed to lay flowers on the grave of her husband's first wife and told him that it is not his mother who lies there.

"Naturally, the poor little fellow is terribly perplexed. He has always called me 'Auntie,' and you can understand that my heart feels like breaking when he comes to me and sobs out his troubles.

"I am now happily married and have a baby daughter. My husband would be quite willing to have my son at home if we could get him.

"Could I claim him openly, or am I compelled to leave him to the mercies of a hardhearted woman who literally hates him and thinks of him simply as an encumbrance, while I long to protect him and bring him up in love instead of fear?"

"HUMANIST" says: *It must indeed be terrible for a mother to see her own child being so ill-treated, but there is no reason why you should allow it to continue. You have a perfect right to claim the custody of your son if you can prove parentage.*

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### *Drifting Apart*

"I HAVE been married nearly five years and now have a baby boy a few months old. Before baby came my husband and I were very happy together, and I always thought that there were no secrets between us.

"I love my baby and give him every possible attention, but lately my husband has become unreasonably jealous on that account and seems to imagine that he is being neglected.

"In this jealous mood he has turned from me to his mother, and he discusses all his financial affairs with her, keeping me quite in the dark.

"Lately his mother visited our home, and I overheard remarks not intended for my ears, and thereby made the discovery that my husband is entitled to a considerable sum of money which his mother appears to control, although he has always led me to suppose that we are quite poor.

"I feel it very keenly that he should not have taken me into his confidence, and I would like to know, 'Humanist,' what I should do in the matter, for I do not think I am being properly treated as a wife."

"HUMANIST" says: *You are most likely to obtain your husband's confidence by giving him your own. Tell him what you overheard and ask him to explain the matter to you. You may be quite mistaken in regard to his attitude, for possibly he has been keeping his nest-egg as a little surprise for you.*


## The Song which Startled 4 Ladies

**gave W. H. Berry a start and kept a tramp comedian in jobs for a year. Read "My Saucy Songs," by Arthur Roberts, in the London Mail, out March 19**


"NEARLY twelve years ago I married a woman who was considerably my senior. We had not lived together for many months when I was compelled to leave her owing to her persistent infidelity.

### *The Secret Past*

"I tried in every possible manner to get her to give up her bad companions, but as all my efforts proved in vain, I left her and moved into another district.

"Several years afterwards I became acquainted with another woman, and in the foolish belief that my previous venture into matrimony would never become known, bigamously married her.

"Almost immediately afterwards I was served with a summons to attend court with regard to a separation allowance. I was eventually tried for bigamy and sentenced to six months in prison.

"On my release I joined the Army and after serving abroad I was demobilised in 1919.

"Since my imprisonment I have had no communication whatever with my wife, who is living a few miles away with another man, but I have not lost touch with the girl I bigamously married, whose parents would sanction our marriage if I were divorced.

"I have recently obtained a position of some responsibility, after having been unemployed for a long time, and I fear that I might lose my situation if it became known that I had been in prison.

"Could I obtain a divorce without my imprisonment being made public, or should I be well advised to acquaint my employers with all the circumstances before commencing proceedings?"

"HUMANIST" says: *Explain the matter to your employers. If you are showing diligence in your work and giving them satisfaction, it would be very inconsiderate of them to discharge you if you act with perfect frankness.*

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### *Meeting Trouble Halfway*

"I am greatly perplexed regarding my daughter who has recently married. Though she is not aware of it, while she was quite a baby her mother died in a mental hospital and it is rather on my conscience that I ought to have informed her husband of the fact."

"Humanist" says: *Unless you have any reason to think your daughter is mentally unstable you may as well keep silent. The disclosure might cause a great deal of unnecessary distress.*

### *Repenting in Haste*

"My wife and I got married a few months ago without our parents' consent by giving false ages. Now we find we are very unhappy together, and I should like to know whether, in the circumstances, the marriage can be annulled."

"Humanist" says: *A false declaration regarding age does not invalidate marriage and you apparently have no ground for annulment. The best thing for both of you is to determine to make each other happy.*

### *A Brother's Dishonesty*

"My mother is in hospital, for many weeks past my father has been bedridden, and I, a lad of eighteen, am left to look after the small shop which brings in a bare living. Lately, on Saturdays, my married brother has been coming to the shop on the pretext of helping me, but I find he has been pilfering from the till. Should I prosecute him?"

"Humanist" says: *The fact that the thief is your brother makes his dishonesty all the more heinous. You should tell him that unless he makes immediate restitution you will report the matter to the police.*

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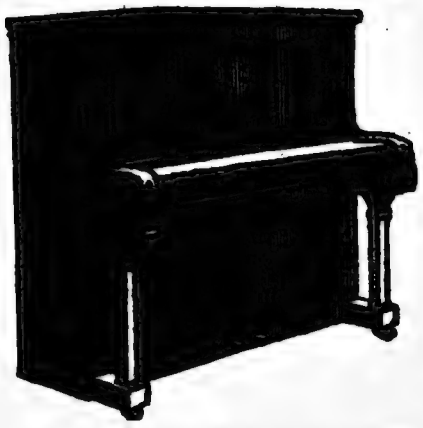

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### *Disgrace to Civilisation*

In your article entitled "The Nigger-Driven Nurse," you call attention to a grave scandal. It is a disgrace to our boasted civilisation that girls should be called upon to be on duty twelve hours a day at what at its best is a nerve-racking undertaking. As one who has been under their care, I can only wonder at their marvellous sympathy and kindness.—*D. J., Dudley.*

### *Relic of Dark Ages*

Your exposure of the life at a London hospital, although it does not apply to all cases, is nevertheless true. I have seen bright, happy girls "broken on the wards," the victims of disgruntled sisters and charge nurses. The system which gives a matron supreme power is a relic of the dark ages, and would not be tolerated in any other profession.—*Ex-Ward Maid, Yorks.*

### *Nurse Slaves*

I recently came from hospital after treatment. The nurses were on duty from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. with two hours' break at dinner. Surely if such work was done in shifts of eight hours many girls out of work would be working. The fact that most medical journals allot half their space to the advertisements for nurses does not look very inviting.—*T. E., Wolstanton.*

### *Scandalous Wage*

I am in agreement with your article "The Nigger-Driven Nurse." Besides the points mentioned, we realise that a nurse must become hardened to the suffering and sickness around her, and to the sickly-smelling ether and medicines that fumigate the hospital. But she must also be sympathetic and obedient to the unexpected and urgent calls of her patients. Therefore, not considering wage, it is really a very hard life for the probationer nurse. But for ten shillings! It is scandalous.—*L. S., Rotherham.*

### *Power of the Purse*

It has been left to JOHN BULL (as usual) to expose the disgraceful conditions under which hospital nurses live and carry out their duties. The work of a nurse is as trying as it is exacting, and to be on duty for twelve hours daily is intolerable. If subscribers to hospitals enquired into administrative methods and the treatment of the staff, before sending their donations, the resulting fall in revenue might stimulate the adoption of more humane conditions.—*H. C., Warminster.*

### *Petty Jealousy*

"The Nigger-Driven Nurse" should be read by all who fancy a nurse's avocation. From experience, I know that too often the drudgery that probationers have to undergo is worse than that of any general servant. There are many pitfalls that surround the nurse, especially if she is a general favourite with the patients. Petty jealousies predominate more in the nurses' profession than any other, and form the greatest evil of all.—*M. W., Halifax.*

### *Startling Rules*

It is splendid of JOHN BULL to take up the cause of the probationer nurse. If any of your readers think that you have exaggerated the treatment meted out, let them apply to a hospital for a post as probationer. The rules and regulations to which they have to assent before engagement will prove the truth of your article and will probably frighten them away.—*Hopeful, Devon.*

### *A Beautiful Example*

May I make one of the multitude of your readers who will ask blessings on the head of "The Angel of S.W.6." May she live long and happily, and may her beautiful example be followed by many another! Congratulations to the happy recipients of her charity! Mr. and Mrs. Goodall's offer of a donation to your "Greatest of These—" Fund is charity in the sweet sense that only those who have been through the mill can really appreciate.—*One of Them, Edmonton.*

### *Education Waste*

Everyone is determined that the children of the poor shall get the very best in the way of education. But is the money really being spent on them? A local authority in this district has recently erected a beautiful building on a splendid site at a huge cost. A school for the kiddies? Oh, dear no! It is for the Education Authority Offices, a place for typists and the "filling-up-of-forms" tribe.—*T. R. I., Scotstoun.*

### *Lust for Power*

The time seems to be fast approaching when France will have to be told plainly that peace, and peace of a permanent nature, is Europe's objective, and not the framing of leagues and mandates which shall provide her with a means of satisfying her cherished lust for power and mastery over a historic enemy. We cannot continue indefinitely to pander to an ally whose war work, no matter how fine, is prostituting the interests and welfare of all sane-minded European nations.—*B. W., Staffs.*

### *"Third Degree" Methods*

"Third degree" methods are repugnant to all British ideas of justice and fair play, and if they are practised even to a minor extent the matter is one that demands serious attention. The psychological effect of a fierce cross-examination by a detective officer of "dominating personality" inclined to be "a little testy," may be easily imagined.—*H. B., Brussels.*

### *Youth's Endeavour*

Sir Arthur Yapp's defence of the modern lad is, I fear, not in accordance with fact. My experience is that he is uncouth and rude; that his thoughts are entirely centred on sport and dancing; that his chief aim in life is to get high wages for the minimum of work. He treats his parents as relics of a past age, and, instead of seeking advice from them, treats such counsel when tendered as out of date. His attitude to womenkind in general is on the lowest plane, whilst his most bitter taunt is reserved for anything approaching religion.—*Troubled, London.*

### *A Nasty Smack*

Thank you, Sir Arthur Yapp, for putting in a kind word for the youth of to-day. From what we read, we would seem to be no worse, if no better, than the youth of any bygone age. Perhaps the oldest book in the world was written by an old man, who in this work lamented the shortcomings of the young men of his own day, and predicted that they were fast going to the devil! If only the good die young, old men must be pretty hardened sinners.—*Youngster, N.B.*

### *More Good than Evil*

"A Gentleman with a Duster" is indeed an incurable pessimist. His fulminations against immorality, selfishness, class-hatred, etc., exaggerate and sometimes misrepresent the true position. He discourses on evils that have always existed and always will exist in a huge community. There is vastly more good than evil in this old country, and by emphasising and applauding its many virtues more good will be done than by constantly blazoning forth its few inevitable evils and foibles.—*Johnson Wace, Leytonstone.*

### *Misnamed Charity*

In this great city "Woodbine Willie" has been giving dinner talks in the cathedral on Faith, Hope and Charity. It is interesting to note one thing he says about charity. In a pungent sentence he said: "Some men make a lot of money and give £2,000 to a hospital; but behind that hospital are slums in which people exist who must perforce enter that hospital, and the slums are the property of that much-boosted donor—and that's charity!" It takes some thinking out.—*R. E., Birmingham.*

### *Tactless Teachers*

It is pitiful that a well-paid teacher should criticise a little girl for wearing cut-down underclothing, an economy necessary owing to the poverty of the simple, honest parents. My parents, with an income of £100 a year, struggled to keep me at a good secondary school. I remember with bitterness the headmaster once remarking, on finding that I had a poor pair of compasses, "If your parents cannot afford proper appliances they should not send you here!" I hope that there are not many like him.—*Sympathiser, London, N.W.*

### *Our Film Failure*

One simply must agree with Mr. A. G. Gardiner that American films are superior to those of British production. The Yankees win on their merits. Let's be British and admit it, cut out this weak-kneed gabbling about a 10 per cent. enforcement in picture-house programmes, and win through on our own merits. To the dickens with snivelling and back-door methods. Let's win our laurels.—*A Briton, Carnforth.*

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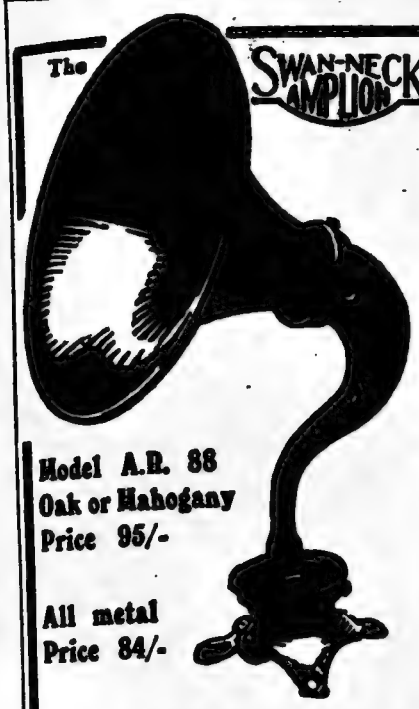

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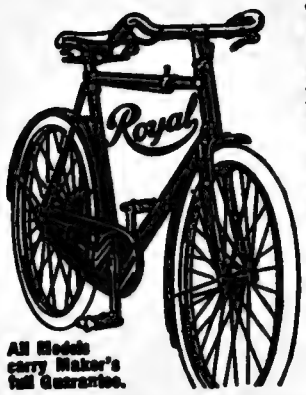


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# The Way to Bookies' Pockets

## Three Cheers for the Flat—Layers will Win Unless You are Careful —Koko and the National—My Lincoln 1, 2, 3—Peeping Tom

THE toast, "Three cheers for the Flat," will, I think, meet with general approval. I am quite prepared to lead the cheering, but I am not going to run away with the idea that I shall have made a fortune by the time the Derby arrives. It cannot be done, and I hope JOHN BULL punters will get this fact well into the back of their heads.

**Odds Always Favour the Bookies**

Flat-racing can be made to pay and I hope to assist you to make it profitable, but remember that the odds always favour the pencillers.

**The Same Old Faces**

If you make a habit of following the meetings you will find the same old bookmakers' faces in Tatt's and the silver rings year after year. They pay heavy travelling expenses, ring fees, their clerks' salaries, and they live. Some go to the South of France for the winter. Turn to the stay-at-home bookies. There are now over four thousand in the country, and they are on the increase. Some, of course, go out of business owing to bad debts, but the great majority pay their overheads, such as office rent, telephone, tape machine, one or two clerks, postages, etc., and they also exist. Mugs' money keeps them going.

**The Best Way to Win**

If you take my advice you will see that they do not live in luxury at your expense. Bet with small money in March, April and May. Have your maximum stakes on the form horses in June, July and August, when winners are easy to find, and reduce your wagers again to the minimum in September, October and November.

**Go Slow on Big Races**

Don't bet heavily on the big handicaps or Classics as these races are gold-mines for the pencillers. I know it is almost impossible to resist a flutter, but stake just sufficient to give you an interest in the races. Steer clear of jockeys' mounts—they will land you in Carey Street—and, whatever else you do, don't chase your losses. If your luck is out—as it is bound to be at times—you will end in the mire.

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One more point: purchase a copy of "The 'John Bull' A.B.C. of Racing." As I mentioned last week, it does not give winners, but it helps you to find them.

**Will Koko Keep Up?**

The defeat of Old Tay Bridge by the Irish gelding, Koko, at Cheltenham, has shaken my faith in Frank Hartigan's champion, but Cheltenham is not Aintree. If Koko gets round the tiring National course, at the altered weights, he is almost a certainty. By Santoi, his stamina should be good enough for the test, but he is a headstrong beast and apt to chance his fences. I think he will come to grief.

**The Old Brigade More Dependent**

Ballinode, also from Ireland, won the Cheltenham race last year, but although she carried a smaller burden at Aintree she toppled over. The two Irish horses are very much alike in their temperaments and style of fencing, and for this reason I am going to pass over Koko and stick to the typical Aintree type, Old Tay Bridge, Double Chance and my first fancy for the race, Sprig. Unless they are knocked over these three will get round. Another week, however, may shed a little more light on the race, but the wise punter will only have a modest bet on the world's biggest gamble.

**My 1, 2, 3 for the Lincoln**

I shall not have another opportunity of referring to eleventh-hour moves in the Lincoln, so I must put up my 1, 2, 3 this week and resort to the code if the selections need revising. To show how sensitive the market is, it took under one hundred pounds to place Zionist at the top of the quotations. At the next call-over there was a little life in the betting, and the Aga Khan's four-year-old was backed to win eight thousand. Dignity has been backed—and Nothing Venture is genuine. I still fancy Coram, but would like to see a market move in his favour.

*The Aga Khan, who owns Zionist, the Lincoln favourite*

**Tales of Coram**

There have been many fanciful tales of horses being galloped with the Frenchman, and not the least fanciful is one declaring that Argeia, who gave the line to Tapin's chance last year, has been his trial horse. You can take this with a pinch of salt. Coram is not as fit as he ought to be, but Mr. Wertheimer tells my French correspondent that he is satisfied to regard the horse as having a fair gambling chance. Should it be decided at the last moment to reserve Coram for the Newbury Spring Cup, where he is better handicapped with Zionist, my selection is Nothing Venture. Otherwise my placings are:—

1. Coram.
2. Nothing Venture.
3. King Willow (long shot).

**The Globe Trotters Coming Back**

The Flat-race jockeys who have been abroad are returning post-haste for the first round. Perryman, Prior, Orme, James and Harding are all back from riding in India. Dempsey has made the long journey from Australia and is ready for Dignity. "Brownie" Carslake is expected any day from Roumania, where he has been on holiday with his wife. He received many good offers from the big owners over there, but "merrie" England is good enough for Carslake.

**Peeping Tom May Pop Up**

The Imperial Cup at Sandown Park is one of the few big hurdle races to be decided and I expect to see the combination of Duller and Peeping Tom capture the nice prize. Peeping Tom failed miserably at his attempt over hurdles, but he made no mistake later on at Lingfield. He beat nothing much, but the race was run in 4 m. 1 s. This is very fast. Boddam's time over the two miles on the same afternoon was 4 m. 4⅕ s.

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3 HOME, 2 AWAY.—Preston, Swansea, Grimsby, Tottenham, Barnsley.

1 HOME, 1 AWAY, 1 DRAW.—Reading, Crewe, Liverpool v. Huddersfield.

**FORECASTS FOR MARCH 27.**

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION I.

HOME WINNERS.—Blackburn, Bury, Cardiff, Huddersfield, Sunderland.

## Selections

DRAWS.—Everton v. Notts Co., West Bromwich v. Liverpool.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION II.

HOME WINNERS.—Barnsley, Blackpool, Darlington, Derby, Notts Forest.

AWAY WINNERS.—South Shields, Preston.

DRAWS.—Chelsea v. Wolverhampton, Clapton O. v. Portsmouth, Southampton v. Oldham.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION III. (Northern).

HOME WINNERS.—Ashington, Coventry, Crewe, Doncaster, Nelson, New Brighton.

AWAY WINNERS.—Chesterfield, Grimsby, Rochdale.

DRAWS.—Lincoln v. Accrington, Southport v. Durham.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION III. (Southern).

HOME WINNERS.—Aberdare, Brentford, Brighton, Bristol C., Millwall, Northampton, Plymouth, Southend.

AWAY WINNER.—Reading.

DRAWS.—Crystal Palace v. Charlton, Norwich v. Luton.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

HOME WINNERS.—Airdrie, Dundee United, Hearts, Queen's Park, Glasgow Rangers, St. Johnstone.

AWAY WINNER.—Celtic.

DRAWS.—Partick v. Morton, Raith R. v. Falkirk, St. Mirren v. Cowdenbeath.

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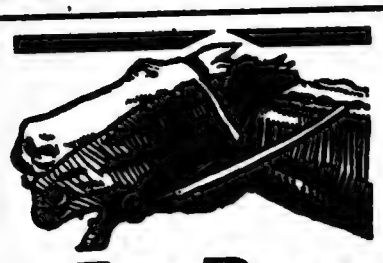
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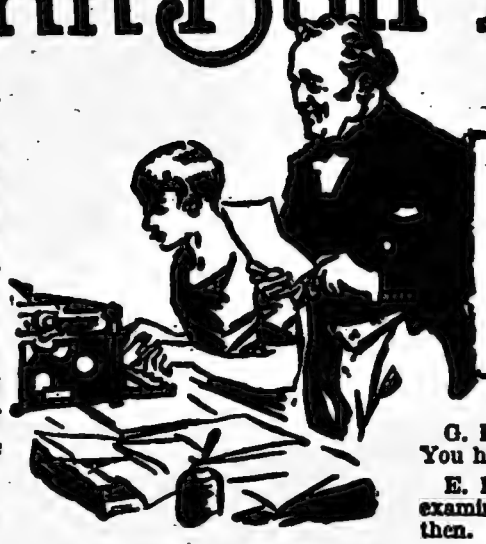

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C. P. (Hornsey).—"Unfortunately, I was late two mornings running." Anyway, you'd have been later still if you'd walked.

G. P. (Mortlake).—"I can't call this exactly a cheerful neighbourhood." Still, it only gets the Blues for a short time every year.

W. J. W. (Daventry).—"I am an electrical engineer, and my small son shows a great fondness for handling my appliances." Mind his curiosity doesn't bring him the shock of his life.

ANNIE B. (Dulwich).—"He has broken the promises he made to me." Never mind, perhaps he'll make you some more.

Mrs. D. (West Ham).—"My husband found the money I had saved for a rainy day and spent it all." On a wet night?

ETHEL B. (Cromer).—"My boy will call me 'Duck,' although he knows I think it is common." You are a goose to let that ruffle your feathers.

L. T. V. (Acton).—"Why do comedians so often sing about eggs. They might find something fresh." It certainly is an ancient lay.

DAISY (Cliftonville).—"My fiancé has a way of bossing me and expecting me to eat humble pie." You should give him a tart answer sometimes.

J. M. L. (Bloomsbury).—"I am engaged in literary work." Addressing envelopes?

J. R. (Saffron Walden).—"It's time my pullets started laying." *Bullets* has started, anyway. There'll be 100 "Easter Eggs" ready for competitors next week.

C. M. (Letchworth).—"My marriage has been blissful and happy." When do you return from your honeymoon?

T. B. (Tamworth).—"I have not yet paid my income-tax." Then you owe a lot to your country!

B. L. (Hitchin).—"I have been a golfer for forty years." You should be word-perfect by now.

G. T. (Doncaster).—"I never mince words." Then why send us this hash?

S. F. (Tiverton).—"What new dress will Mlle. Lenglen create for Wimbledon?" She generally appears in print nowadays.

N. D. (Bodmin).—"I am no politician." Brainy man!

J. J. (Norbury).—"Five million people in this country listen-in without paying a licence." In our opinion, they are punished enough.

L. T. (Eyre).—"What makes a young man spend a large sum of money on an engagement ring?" She does.

T. N. (Barmouth).—"I've invented a new type of hot-water bottle which is at present a secret." See it doesn't leak out.

H. J. (Keston).—"Her name is Mary, but now she's engaged she calls herself May." Perhaps after she's married she'll be Ma.

B. P. (Victoria).—"Do you pay for the letters that appear on this page?" Oh yes, dearly. We have to read them.

L. T. (Edgware).—"What is the moving spirit of the age?" Petrol.

G. L. (Reigate).—"I'll come out on top one day." You have to-day.

E. P. (Bury).—"I can't think why I failed at the examination." Probably because you couldn't think then.

A. N. (Manchester).—"I enjoy the rainy weather." It's not so dusty.

MARY (Bristol).—"My sweetheart says that hearts will always be trumps." When you're married a bit he may turn to clubs.

A. Y. (Drayton).—"I am considered a good judge of painting." What is your opinion of the modern girl?

D. F. (Salcombe).—"The girl I love doesn't like mice." Then why not buck up a bit?

A. G. (Halton).—"I am a finished musician." How relieved the neighbours must feel!

L. E. (Bolton).—"What is the chief cause of divorce?" Marriage.

H. D. H. (Epsom).—"How can I keep the children from making marks on the wall-paper?" Paste it on the ceiling.

E. N. (Drayton Park).—"I often discuss politics with the widow next door." Does she ever hint that she'd be glad of Protection?

B. J. (Durham).—"He's fallen in love with a wealthy girl and is to marry her." Then he's fallen on his feet.

O. T. (Reading).—"I asked him what he meant to do about it and he hit me on the nose." Well, you asked for it, didn't you?

A. N. (Sevenoaks).—"He tries to get free advice on his nervous trouble from doctors he meets at the club." His nerve seems to be all right.

T. M. (Putney).—"There has been a cobweb on our ceiling for weeks." You should take the necessary steps to remove it.

M. H. (Edinburgh).—"Are there any authentic cases of growth after death?" Fish often grow tremendously after death, but we don't know about the authenticity.

T. Y. (Chenies).—"I enclose one of my pictures—a London street scene." We're afraid that you'll never be able to draw crowds.

M. L. (Bristol).—"You must admit that I have penetrated to the heart of the matter." You've certainly been boring.

CIVIL SERVANT (Whitehall).—"I think the £200,000 grant just." But not just yet!

P. L. (Raynes Park).—"Though I had only five minutes to catch the train, the porter wouldn't hurry till he knew what he was going to get." Played a game of tip-and-run with you, in fact.

## Dry Those Tears

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The king who "never smiled again,"
The queen whose tear-drops flowed like rain,
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B. G. T. (Enfield).—"I don't suppose you can say your watch has ever gone to pawn." No, we can say that it's going.

J. L. (Neath).—"My wife is always complaining she has nothing to wear." But we'll bet she puts it on all the same.

Mrs. M. (Shepton Mallet).—"I've always tried to share my neighbours' misfortune." By grinning while they bear it?

Miss G. (Acton).—"I have decided not to marry until I am twenty-seven." Then we'll wager you'll never be twenty-seven until you're married.

Mrs. H. (Sunderland).—"My neighbours are living miles above their station." We trust they find the 'bus services down to their station good.

H. H. (Nottingham).—"The same old story. You've rejected my MSS." Because it is the same old story.

M. L. G. (Manchester).—"It's my belief you editors don't get enough sleep." True, you can never catch us napping.

Mrs. L. (Mirfield).—"When my husband married he was terribly short-sighted." That goes without saying.

Miss P. (Salisbury).—"He who hesitates is lost." And whisked off to the altar before he has time to protest.

Miss S. (Deal).—"Men always use such cryptic language about love." They often talk of suspense when they mean expense.

J. H. (Wood Lane).—"I noticed a very suspicious-looking man in your office." What did he suspect you of?

J. M. N. (Perth).—"Sleep is one of the very best beautifiers." Our office boy is in that case qualifying for a place in a beauty chorus.

B. L. (Bradford).—"I can work in any dry filling material." We, too, can masticate a railway sandwich when hard pressed.

MAUDIE (Lowestoft).—"However much you rebuff me I intend to be your dear friend." You can't if you make yourself cheap.

"PLUNGER" (Derby).—"I'm naming the horse 'Button' for luck." It'll be a miracle if it doesn't "come off."

Miss J. (Leeds).—"When I sing at an entertainment I insist that the doors shall be kept closed against late comers until I've finished." Lest those already inside should rush out?

Mrs. F. (Lancaster).—"My boy is rather delicate. What can I put him to that will not involve very long hours and hard work?" Anything in the building line should meet the case.

I. N. (Bedford).—"My husband calls me a little dear." Many a husband calls his wife a big expense.

V. E. (Portsmouth).—"The man I'm engaged to promises well." They all do. See that he keeps his promises!

F. S. (Slough).—"Life's one constant fight!" Unless, of course, you happen to be the world champion.

A. N. A. (Parkstone).—"Why do little men wear big button-holes?" Otherwise who'd see them?

C. S. (Barrow).—"I only wish my family had a cat's cleanly habits!" H'm. We've occasionally caught our cat spitting!

G. S. (Carshalton).—"What steps can I take to avoid this law suit?" Good long ones.

F. F. (Hove).—"The dentist hurt me horribly when he probed my bad tooth." He was evidently trying to get to the root of the trouble.

E. C. G. (Chester).—"We have a new maid who never seems to get tired." But, in our experience, most of them nowadays seem always on the go.

Mrs. R. (Merton).—"I have a husband who is actually too lazy to regulate the clock." He must be lazy, if you can't get him to do even a hand's turn.

A. C. A. (Putney).—"Which do you prefer—my serious or my comic writings?" We'll tell you when you've explained to us which are which.

F. I. (Broxbourne).—"The clairvoyant solemnly assured me that his power enabled him to see through any wall." And wasn't yours enough to enable you to see through him?

M. C. (Tufnell Park).—"Is anything known about the family life of the ancient Egyptians?" Not much, except that they seem to have been very fond of their "mummies."

*(Many replies unavoidably held over.)*

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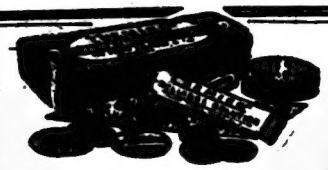

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THIS poor fellow with his wife and three children was turned out of his cottage when there was a foot of snow on the ground and left to cart his belongings into a neighbouring field.

He has not even the consolation of the "dole." He has been hop-picking and swede-pulling to try to support himself, but eventually his unemployment benefit was withdrawn on the ground that he had not been making every reasonable effort to obtain employment suited to his capacities, notwithstanding the fact that he was able to produce the names of twelve prospective employers from whom he had sought work.

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The *Bullets* policy of progress which makes fresh records in prize-lists and then sets out to beat them will be seen to advantage in next week's offer of 100 *Bullets* "Easter Eggs."

These are no ordinary Easter Eggs—the sort that look so solid and substantial yet prove to be only a wafer-like shell which is full of emptiness! Heading the prize-list is a solid nest-egg of £500—almost too large a sum to be called an "Easter Egg" at all, but a splendid prize to win, whatever you call it.

Then come the Second Prize of £100 and the Third of £50, with two fat cheques for £20 tieing for fourth place. To these, add ten "Easter Eggs" of £10 and ten of £5—and still there are scores more to come. Twenty-five of £4, twenty-five of £3, and twenty-five of £2, totalling one hundred "Easter Eggs" in all, are followed by the usual hundred £1 cheques and 10,700 other awards.

It takes a good deal longer to recount this exceptional list of prizes than it need take you to secure one of them for yourself. Look out for next week's issue and win a *Bullets* "Easter Egg."

### A Woman's Win.

A working man's wife, with three children to look after, is Mrs. R. Pope, of 188, Latimer Road, Eastbourne. Yet she found time to interest herself in *Bullets*—and time well spent it has proved, for last week she received a £300 cheque for her First Prize effort—YOU AND I—"BUFFERS" IN INDUSTRIAL "COLLISIONS."

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Concluding, Mrs. Pope adds that *Bullets* has brought her the best piece of news she has ever had, and mentions that after a little of the money has provided her with a much-needed change, the change from £300 will go into the bank for a rainy day.

There may be rainy days ahead for you, also. It is worth your while to spend a little time on *Bullets* this week, for another ten big cheques are waiting to be won, besides hundreds of other cash prizes.

£300 is the First Prize—and a minute may win it!

**The result of "Bullets" No. 594 (£1,500 offer) will appear next week.**

**SELECTION OF EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 597.**

**RUNNING THE COUNTRY—QUESTION OF THE HOUR—SPRING CLEANING—HEARD IN COURT—A FRIGHT—WHY HE'S POPULAR—AMATEUR GARDENER—WHAT THE EMIGRANT SAID—REFEREE'S JOB—SARCASTICALLY—AT THE TELEPHONE—FOR NOTHING—NEEDED AT HOME WIFE AND FAMILY—MODERN GRANDMA—BUYING AND SELLING—WITHOUT MONEY—AT THE CLUB—BUSINESS GIRL—WHAT IS A SCANDAL?**

These Examples may be made use of on the Coupons on this page, and must reach us on or before **THURSDAY, APRIL 8.** All Coupons so used **MUST** be marked clearly with the number **597** in the top left-hand corner, and envelopes containing these Coupons must be addressed "Bullets" No. **597**, JOHN BULL, Long Acre, London, W.C.2 (Comp.). Such Coupons must not contain any of the Examples for Competition No. **596.**

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2nd. Prize £100 — FIRST PRIZE £300 — 3rd. Prize £50

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**EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" No. 596.**

**THE GOAL PROBLEM**
**WINNING CREW**
**LEAVES US GUESSING**
**HER RING**
**SEEN ON THE ROAD**
**A VEGETARIAN**
**BREAD AND BUTTER**
**ABSENT**
**DEPENDS ON HER**
**A LIVING**
**ROOT OF EVIL**
**NOISY**
**TALE OF WOE**
**A HARD LIFE**
**VILLAGE BAND**
**WITHOUT A LICENCE**
**SAID ABOUT HER**
**UNNECESSARY**
**KEEPING HOUSE**
**THE ONE AND ONLY**
**HITTING HOME**
**LAW OF THE LAND**
**BRAVELY**
**IDEAL HOME**
**BRIGHTER OUTLOOK**
**TIME TO PLAY**
**DIVORCED**
**MINER'S WIFE**
**WHAT THE BUTCHER SAID**
**TANTALISING**
**AS TIME PASSES**
**WHAT IS A PENSION?**

**"BULLETS" RULES.**

1. The First Prize will be awarded for what in the opinion of the judges in consultation with the Editor is the best Bullet received, and the other prizes in order of merit, the test being cleverness, aptness, and originality.
2. Only two attempts may be written on each coupon, and a postal order must be enclosed at the rate of 6d. for each coupon made use of. This must be made payable to JOHN BULL and crossed ——— and Co. Competitors must write their names and addresses and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Coupons must not be mutilated.
3. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.
4. The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

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**Cheques for £5, £2 and £1 respectively will be paid to the Newsagents from whom the winners of the First Three "Bullets" Prizes in Competition No. 596 have purchased their copies of "John Bull."**

**HOW TO MAKE "BULLETS."**

Choose any of the Examples printed; then give any **TWO, THREE** or **FOUR WORDS**, having some bearing on the Example chosen, each of which can begin with any letter in the alphabet. These specimens will guide you:—

Example:—WHEN THINGS GO WRONG Bullet:—SING—DON'T "MAKE SONG."

Example:—NIGHT LIFE Bullet:—SUITS PUSSY—UPSETS PUSSY FOOT.

Example:—1926 Bullet:—GOVERNMENT COULDN'T POSTPONE *That*

**SEND POSTAL ORDER AT THE RATE OF 6d. FOR EACH COUPON USED.**

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**PLEASE POST EARLY IF YOU CAN**

You can help us by posting early, but all "Bullets" entered in time receive the same careful adjudication.

Example _____ Closing Date, Thursday, March 25.
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
(596) P.O. No. _____ Signed _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. With 1 Coupon, send P.O. for 6d. Address _____

Example _____ Closing Date, Thursday, March 25.
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
(596) P.O. No. _____ Signed _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. With 2 Coupons, send P.O. for 1s. Address _____

"Bullets" must consist of Two, Three or Four Words.

Example _____ Closing Date, Thursday, March 25.
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
(596) P.O. No. _____ Signed _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. With 3 Coupons, send P.O. for 1s. 6d. Address _____

Example _____ Closing Date, Thursday, March 25.
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
(596) P.O. No. _____ Signed _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. With 4 Coupons, send P.O. for 2s. Address _____

**If you wish to send in further "Bullets" you can write them on plain paper.**

**Next Week RECORD OFFER OF 100 Bullets' Easter Eggs!**

# Are YOU Being Poisoned by CATARRH?

## Read How These Men and Women Cured this Deadly Complaint (commonly known as Chronic Cold in the Head) and then

# Test My System on 10 Days' Trial

**You need not continue to suffer from this Blood-and-Body Poisoning Complaint and its serious consequences any longer. To-day a proved remedy that has cured thousands is offered "on trial" to every sufferer.**

### Cured in One Month after Six Years' Suffering.

MISS C. HODGSON.

Miss C. Hodgson, 39, Queen's Road, Blackpool, writes: "During six years suffering from Catarrh, Deafness and Head Noises I tried everything advertised as a cure, but I got not the slightest benefit until I tried the 'Shirley Treatment.' Improvement set in at once, and in 30 days I was cured. The trouble has shown no sign of returning despite the unfavourable weather. I have recommended your treatment to dozens."—March 4, 1926.

### Chronic Catarrh and Head Noises Permanently Cured in 30 Days.

MRS. ALDOUS.

Mrs. Aldous, 54a, Green Lanes, Hanwell, London, W.7, writes: "I suffered from Chronic Catarrh, head noises, head pains, eye and throat trouble, for five years. In a month I was completely cured. This was just a year ago, and there has been no return since. In my opinion the 'Shirley System' is the ONLY remedy for Catarrh!"—Feb. 21st, 1926.

### 4 Years' Catarrh, Deafness, Head Noises Cured to Stay Cured.

MRS. COX.

Mrs. Cox, 10, Wilson Street, New Cross, London, S.E. 14, writes:—"In 1922 the 'Shirley System' completely cured me of Catarrh, Head Noises, Defective Hearing, Sleeplessness, Depression, Indigestion and Sick Bouts after four years' suffering. The cure was quite permanent, and even now, 3 years afterwards, I am keeping quite well and happy. Thanks to your treatment, I have never been in better health in my life."—Feb. 18, 1926.

### 4 Years' Chronic Catarrh Completely Cured in 4 Weeks.

MR. MANKTELOW.

Mr. A. E. Manktelow, Maces Cottages, St. Michaels, Tenterden, Kent, writes:—"In four weeks the 'Shirley System' has completely cured me (after professional treatment failed) of Chronic Catarrh of four years' standing, and its attendant ailments—frequent heavy colds, constant sneezing, headaches, head noises, pains over eyes, throat troubles, cough, etc. I look splendid since I was cured, and I feel as well as I look. Naturally I am more than satisfied."—Feb. 17, 1926.

## *Beware of these Dangerous Symptoms!*

**—If Phlegm "Drops" into the back of your Throat,**
**—If you have a tendency to Catch Colds easily,**
**—If there is a feeling of dryness in your Throat,**
**—If you have to clear the Throat frequently,**
**—If your Nose is stopped up or "stuffy."**
**—If you feel tired on rising,**
**—If your voice is husky,**
**—If there is pain between or over the eyes,**
**—If you sneeze frequently,**
**—If a change in the weather affects you,**
**—If you suffer from frontal headaches,**
**—If you suffer from shortness of breath,**
**—If your sense of smell is affected,**
**—If you suffer from strange "head noises,"**
**—If there is a sense of fulness or pressure in your head,**
**—If your hearing is affected,**
**—If your sense of taste is impaired,**
**—If there is a Discharge of Mucus from the Nose,**
**—If "Crusts" form in the Nose,**
**—If your breath is "bad" and your mouth dirty; or if you have a dry, hot skin and alternate fits of heat and cold you are almost certainly suffering from Catarrh.**

Doctors now realise that Catarrh is dangerous. It not only causes much suffering and distress, but it has a high rate of mortality, because the slimy and poisonous mucus flows downwards (especially during sleep) into the stomach, intestines, and other organs, causing Malnutrition, Debility and a Catarrhal condition of the whole inner man that lowers resisting power to disease, and leads to such deadly ailments as Gastric Catarrh, Intestinal Catarrh, and even Consumption itself.

If YOU are in the Grip of Catarrh, don't delay, but write to me to-day, and learn how speedily the "Shirley System" will save you from the miseries and risks of Catarrh in all its forms, including Catarrhal Deafness and Gastric Catarrh.

It will bring you relief from the very first. The stuffed-up passages get clear, easy nasal breathing follows, head noises disappear, Headaches, too, become things of the past, and your whole system is completely cleared of the slimy and poisonous mucus. It will lift the Crushing Burden of Catarrh from your shoulders like magic.

No matter how often you have been disappointed before, or how long you have suffered, don't despair until you have tried the wonderful "Shirley System."

## 10 DAYS' TRIAL OF THE "SHIRLEY SYSTEM."

This treatment has proved so remarkably successful, even in the worst forms of Chronic Catarrh, Deafness, Head Noises, etc., that I will gladly send it on 10 days' trial to any sufferer on the distinct understanding that if no benefit is derived no expense of any kind will be incurred. Simply fill in your name and address on the Special Coupon opposite and post immediately to me. The most important point in your own interest is to act at once and send the Coupon NOW.

### 5 Years' Agony Ended, Deafness and Head Noises Cured in One Month.

MRS. T. DAVIS.

Mrs. Davis, 48, Clarence Road, Derby, writes:—"I wish to thank you for the personal interest you took in my case. I never tire of telling sufferers of my cure. For five years I was deaf and had distressing head noises as the result of Catarrh. The complaint got worse from time to time, yet I only had one month's 'Shirley Treatment.' The improvement began at once. I recommend your treatment to others."—Feb. 13, 1926.

### Housework Possible Again After 16 Years' Suffering.

MRS. WARD.

Mrs. Ward, 21, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden, writes:—"Mine was a bad case of Catarrh, Deafness, and Head Noises of 16 years' standing. When I started the 'Shirley Treatment' I was unable to do my housework or even to go out. The result of your treatment is wonderful. I can breathe freely again, my throat is clear, my hearing has returned, and I have lost the head noises."—Feb. 12, 1926.

### Quickly and Completely Cured After 15 Years' Chronic Catarrh.

MR. J. G. HILLMAN.

Mr. J. G. Hillman, Doxburn House, Alshot Road, Titchfield, Farnham, writes:—"The 'Shirley System' has done wonderful things for me! I had Chronic Catarrh for 15 years. I could find no cure. For five years I could not get a night's rest, and I had terrible fits of coughing between 2 and 3 a.m. The 'Shirley System' stopped those in two days and quickly and completely cured me. I am a new man."—Feb. 12, 1926.

## COUPON

**To Mr. ELMER SHIRLEY,**
**52, Gray's Inn Road (0.979), London, W.C.1.**

Dear Sir,—Please send me at once full particulars so that I can avail myself of 10 Days' Trial of the "Shirley System," as per your JOHN BULL Special Offer.

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